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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an
- 2 Office of Early Childhood. The office shall be under the direction of the
- 3 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, whose
- 4 appointment shall be made by the Governor. Such appointment shall
- 5 be in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, of
- 6 the general statutes, as amended by this act. The executive director
- 7 shall be responsible for implementing the policies and directives of the
- 8 office. The executive director shall have the authority to designate any
- 9 employee as his or her agent to exercise all or part of the authority,
- 10 powers and duties of the executive director in his or her absence. Said
- 11 office shall be within the Department of Education for administrative
- 12 purposes.

13 (b) The office shall be responsible for:

14 (1) The delivery of services to young children;

15 (2) Administering the coordinated system of early care and
16 education, in accordance with the provisions of section 10-16bb of the
17 general statutes, as amended by this act;

18 (3) Developing and implementing an early childhood information
19 system to facilitate and encourage the sharing of data between and
20 among early childhood service providers by tracking (A) the health,
21 safety and school readiness of all children receiving early care and
22 education from any local or regional board of education or any
23 program receiving public funding, in a manner similar to the system
24 described in section 10-10a of the general statutes, (B) the
25 characteristics of the existing and potential workforce serving such
26 children in any local or regional school district or in a program
27 receiving any public funding, and (C) the characteristics of the
28 programs in which such children are served;

29 (4) (A) Not later than December 31, 2015, developing, in
30 consultation with the Early Childhood Cabinet, established pursuant
31 to section 10-16z of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and
32 reporting on an early childhood accountability plan for the
33 coordinated system of early care and education administered by the
34 Office of Early Childhood pursuant to section 10-16bb of the general
35 statutes, as amended by this act. Such plan shall identify and define
36 appropriate population indicators and program and system
37 performance measures of the health, safety and readiness of children
38 to enter kindergarten, and early school success of children, and shall
39 identify any new or improved data required for such purposes. Such
40 plan shall include aggregate information on the characteristics of
41 children and programs tracked by the system developed pursuant to
42 subdivision (3) of this subsection, including, but not limited to, family
43 income, whether the families of such children receive assistance

44 through temporary assistance for needy families or a similar program
45 and the communities in which such children reside using a
46 performance measurement accountability framework;

47 (B) Not later than July 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, developing
48 report cards containing the indicators and performance measures
49 identified in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and reporting on the
50 results of such plan and report cards, in accordance with the
51 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
52 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
53 relating to education and appropriations;

54 (5) Implementing a communications strategy for outreach to
55 families, service providers and policymakers;

56 (6) Not later than September 1, 2014, beginning a state-wide
57 longitudinal evaluation of the school readiness program examining the
58 educational progress of children from prekindergarten programs to
59 grade four, inclusive, including a study of the reliability and validity of
60 a kindergarten assessment tool developed pursuant to subsection (h)
61 of section 10-14n of the general statutes and, if the executive director
62 determines that such assessment tool is not reliable, the development
63 of a new assessment tool by September 1, 2015;

64 (7) Conducting a regression discontinuity study, or a relevant
65 research study, pursuant to section 61 of this act, examining the
66 effectiveness of state early childhood programs on school readiness in
67 collaboration, at the executive director's discretion, with a nonprofit
68 public service institution with expertise in such studies or a college or
69 university in the state;

70 (8) Developing, coordinating and supporting public and private
71 partnerships to aid early childhood initiatives;

72 (9) In consultation with the Department of Education, developing a
73 plan for (A) changing the requirement for when a child five years of

74 age may enroll in kindergarten pursuant to section 10-15c of the
75 general statutes from January first of any school year to October first of
76 any school year, and (B) the creation of spaces in school readiness
77 programs and public and private prekindergarten programs for those
78 children who reach five years of age after October first of any school
79 year and are not eligible to enroll in kindergarten for such school year;
80 and

81 (10) Providing services, in coordination with the Department of
82 Education, across the birth-to-eight continuum.

83 (c) Any local or regional board of education or school readiness
84 program, as defined in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-
85 16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act, receiving any
86 public funding, or any child day care center as described in
87 subdivision (1) of section 19a-77 of the general statutes, as amended by
88 this act, and licensed by the Department of Public Health or the Office
89 of Early Childhood, shall ensure that all children and all staff in a
90 school under the jurisdiction of such board, program or center are
91 entered into the early childhood information system.

92 (d) The Office of Early Childhood shall constitute a successor
93 department, in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e
94 and 4-39 of the general statutes, to (1) the Department of Education
95 with respect to sections 8-210, 10-16n, as amended by this act, 10-16p to
96 10-16s, inclusive, 10-16u, 10-16w, 10-16aa, 17b-749a, 17b-749c and 17b-
97 749g to 17b-749i, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this
98 act; (2) the Department of Social Services with respect to section 15 of
99 this act and sections 17b-12, 17b-705a, 17b-730, 17b-733 to 17b-739,
100 inclusive, 17b-749, 17b-749d to 17b-749f, inclusive, 17b-749j, 17b-749k,
101 17b-750 to 17b-751a, inclusive, 17b-751d and 17b-751e of the general
102 statutes, as amended by this act; and (3) the Department of Public
103 Health (A) with respect to sections 10a-194c, 12-634, 17a-28, 17a-101,
104 17b-90 and 19a-80f of the general statutes, as amended by this act, (B)
105 for the purpose of regulating child day care services pursuant to

106 sections 19a-77, 19a-79, 19a-80, 19a-82, 19a-84 and 19a-86 to 19a-87e,
107 inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (C) for
108 the purpose of administering the Maternal, Infant, and Early
109 Childhood Home Visiting Program authorized under the Patient
110 Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, P.L. 111-148.

111 Sec. 2. Section 4-5 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes is
112 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
113 *passage*):

114 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"
115 means Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
116 Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner on Aging,
117 Commissioner of Revenue Services, Banking Commissioner,
118 Commissioner of Children and Families, Commissioner of Consumer
119 Protection, Commissioner of Correction, Commissioner of Economic
120 and Community Development, State Board of Education,
121 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
122 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection,
123 Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Public Health,
124 Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Liquor Control
125 Commission, Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
126 Commissioner of Social Services, Commissioner of Developmental
127 Services, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of
128 Transportation, Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, Commissioner of
129 Housing, Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, [and] the executive
130 director of the Office of Military Affairs and the executive director of
131 the Office of Early Childhood. As used in sections 4-6 and 4-7,
132 "department head" also means the Commissioner of Education.

133 Sec. 3. Section 10-16bb of the general statutes is repealed and the
134 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

135 (a) On and after July 1, [2013, there shall be] 2014, the Office of Early
136 Childhood shall administer a coordinated system of early care and

137 education, [and child development.] The coordinated system of early
138 care and education [and child development] shall consist of
139 comprehensive and aligned policies, responsibilities, practices and
140 services for young children and their families, including prenatal care
141 and care for young children [from birth to eight years of age,
142 inclusive,] to ensure optimal health, safety and learning for each child,
143 [, and that are in accordance with the plan developed by the planning
144 director pursuant to section 10-16cc.]

145 (b) The Office of Early Childhood, in administering the coordinated
146 system of early care and education, [and child development] shall,
147 within available resources, (1) create a unified set of reporting
148 requirements for the programs described in subdivision (1) of
149 subsection (b) of section 10-16cc, as amended by this act, for the
150 purpose of collecting the data elements necessary to perform quality
151 assessments and longitudinal analysis; (2) compare and analyze the
152 data collected pursuant to reporting requirements created under
153 subdivision (1) of this subsection with the data collected in the state-
154 wide public school information system, pursuant to section 10-10a, for
155 population-level analysis of children and families; (3) [develop and]
156 update and implement appropriate early learning standards and
157 assessment tools for children from birth to five years of age, inclusive,
158 that are age and developmentally appropriate and that are aligned
159 with existing learning standards as of July 1, [2013] 2014, and
160 assessment tools for students in grades kindergarten to twelve,
161 inclusive; (4) continually monitor and evaluate all early childhood care
162 and education [and child care] programs and services, focusing on
163 program outcomes in satisfying the health, safety, developmental and
164 educational needs of all children; (5) [develop indicators that assess
165 strategies designed to strengthen the family through parental
166 involvement in a child's development and education, including
167 children with special needs] coordinate home visitation services across
168 programs for young children; (6) increase the availability of early
169 childhood care and education and [child care programs and services

170 and encourage the providers of such programs and services to work
171 together to create multiple options that allow families to participate in
172 programs that serve the particular needs of each family] foster
173 collaboration among early childhood care and education providers to
174 provide flexibility for families; (7) provide information and technical
175 assistance to persons seeking early childhood care and education [and
176 child care] programs and services; (8) assist state agencies and
177 municipalities in obtaining available federal funding for early
178 childhood care and education [and child care] programs and services;
179 (9) provide technical assistance and consultation to [licensed]
180 providers of early childhood care and education [and child care]
181 programs and services [and assist] or any potential provider of such
182 programs and services in obtaining the necessary licensure and
183 certification; (10) [incorporate] establish the quality rating and
184 improvement system developed by the [Department of Education]
185 office that covers home-based, center-based and school-based early
186 child care and learning; (11) maintain [a system of] an accreditation
187 facilitation initiative to assist early childhood care and education [and
188 child care programs and services] program and service providers in
189 achieving national standards and program improvement; (12) create
190 partnerships between state agencies and philanthropic organizations
191 to assist in the implementation of the coordinated system of early care
192 and education; [and child development;] (13) [align] develop, in
193 consultation with the Early Childhood Cabinet, established pursuant
194 to section 10-16z, as amended by this act, and the Head Start advisory
195 committee, established pursuant to section 10-16n, as amended by this
196 act, the system's policy and program goals; [with those of the Early
197 Childhood Education Cabinet, pursuant to section 10-16z, and the
198 Head Start advisory committee, pursuant to section 10-16n;] (14)
199 ensure a coordinated and comprehensive state-wide system of
200 professional development for providers and staff of early childhood
201 care and education [and child care] programs and services; (15)
202 [develop family-centered services that assist families in their
203 communities; (16)] provide families with opportunities for choice in

204 services including quality child care [; (17)] and community-based
205 family-centered services; (16) integrate early childhood care and
206 education and special education services; [(18) emphasize targeted
207 research-based interventions; (19)] (17) organize early childhood care
208 and education services into a coherent, comprehensive and accessible
209 delivery system [; (20) coordinate a comprehensive and accessible
210 delivery system for early childhood education and child care services;
211 (21)] while retaining distinct separation between quality improvement
212 services and child day care licensing services; (18) focus on
213 performance measures to ensure that services are accountable,
214 effective and accessible to the consumer; [(22)] (19) promote universal
215 access to early childhood care and education; [(23)] (20) ensure
216 nonduplication of monitoring and evaluation; [(24) encourage,
217 promote and coordinate funding for the establishment and
218 administration of local and regional early childhood councils that
219 implement local and regional birth-to-eight systems; and (25)] and (21)
220 perform any other activities that will assist in the provision of early
221 childhood care and education and child care programs and services.

222 (c) The Office of Early Childhood, in administering the coordinated
223 system of early care and education, [and child development] shall
224 collaborate with local and regional early childhood councils to
225 implement the coordinated system of early care and education [and
226 child development] at the local level. Such early childhood councils
227 shall: (1) Develop and implement a comprehensive plan for an early
228 childhood system for the community served by such early childhood
229 council, (2) develop policy and program planning, (3) encourage
230 community participation by emphasizing substantial parental
231 involvement, (4) collect, analyze and evaluate data with a focus on
232 program and service outcomes, (5) allocate resources, and (6) perform
233 any other functions that will assist in the provision of early childhood
234 programs and services. Such early childhood councils may enter into
235 memoranda of agreement with the local or regional school readiness
236 council, described in section 10-16r, as amended by this act, of the

237 town or region served by such early childhood council to perform the
238 duties and functions of a school readiness council, in accordance with
239 the provisions of [said] section 10-16r, as amended by this act, or if no
240 such local or regional school readiness council exists for the town or
241 region of such early childhood council, perform the duties and
242 functions of a school readiness council, in accordance with the
243 provisions of section 10-16r, as amended by this act.

244 (d) The Office of Early Childhood, in administering the coordinated
245 system of early care and education, [and child development] may enter
246 into memoranda of agreement with and accept donations from
247 nonprofit and philanthropic organizations to accomplish the purposes
248 of this section.

249 Sec. 4. Section 10-16cc of the general statutes is repealed and the
250 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

251 (a) On or before July 15, 2011, the Governor shall appoint, in
252 consultation with the Early Childhood Education Cabinet, established
253 [under] pursuant to section 10-16z of the 2012 supplement to the
254 general statutes, a planning director for the planning and development
255 of the coordinated system of early care and education and child
256 development, as described in section 10-16bb of the 2012 supplement
257 to the general statutes, provided such appointment is made within
258 available appropriations or funded by donations from private sources
259 or federal funds to cover the costs of carrying out the provisions of this
260 section. The planning director shall be within the Office of Policy and
261 Management.

262 (b) (1) On or after the effective date of this section, the executive
263 director of the Office of Early Childhood shall succeed the planning
264 director appointed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The
265 planning director shall develop a plan for the coordinated system of
266 early care and education and child development. Such plan shall
267 consolidate existing early childhood education and child care

268 programs and services serving children from birth to eight years of
269 age, inclusive, into a coordinated system that attempts to (A) reduce
270 the academic achievement gap, (B) increase participation in early
271 childhood education programs, (C) increase parent engagement,
272 family literacy and parenting skills, (D) increase oral language
273 development, (E) increase social competence, (F) decrease special
274 education placements, and (G) support parents and guardians of
275 young children to find employment and to remain employed and
276 encourage such parents and guardians to attend work training
277 programs. Consolidation may include, but not be limited to, school
278 readiness programs, Head Start programs, the family resource center
279 program, established pursuant to section 10-4o, child care facilities,
280 licensing and services described in section 8-210, as amended by this
281 act, the birth-to-three program, established pursuant to section 17a-
282 248, professional development activities relating to early childhood
283 education and any other relevant early childhood programs and
284 services.

285 (2) In developing such plan, the planning director shall (A) consider
286 opportunities for consolidation between and within agencies to reduce
287 redundancy and to improve the focus on positive outcomes for
288 children and families; (B) seek areas of consolidation between and
289 within agencies; (C) provide for the creation of memoranda of
290 agreement between the coordinated system of early care and education
291 and child development and nonprofit and philanthropic organizations;
292 (D) identify opportunities to align services and meet the holistic needs
293 of children and families; (E) implement an accountability framework to
294 measure program and services outcomes; (F) identify common
295 requirements for funding from various sources and identify waiver
296 provisions related to such requirements that can be used to improve
297 service delivery in the state; (G) identify barriers under state or federal
298 law that inhibit effective consolidation of functions or utilization of
299 interagency agreements; (H) consult with qualified local and regional
300 planning groups; and (I) focus the memoranda of agreement to

301 relevant program areas, such as, maternal and child health, literacy,
302 family support, financial planning and early care and education.

303 (c) For purposes of the development of the plan for the coordinated
304 system of early care and education and child development, the
305 planning director may enter into memoranda of agreement with and
306 accept donations from nonprofit and philanthropic organizations.

307 (d) The Departments of Education, Social Services, Public Health,
308 Children and Families and Developmental Services and the Board of
309 Regents for Higher Education shall assist the planning director in the
310 planning and development of the plan for the coordinated system of
311 early care and education and child development.

312 (e) (1) On and after October 1, 2011, until July 1, 2013, the planning
313 director shall report quarterly to the Early Childhood Education
314 Cabinet. Such report may include, but not be limited to, (A)
315 recommendations regarding the consolidation of agencies to improve
316 coordination within the coordinated system of early care and
317 education and child development, (B) suggestions regarding how
318 federal, state and local resources can be combined to maximize
319 efficiencies in the system and outcomes for children and families, (C)
320 suggestions to improve the manner in which state and local early
321 childhood education initiatives are coordinated so as to provide
322 holistic, affordable, high quality early education for young children,
323 (D) recommendations for improvements to the coordinated system of
324 early care and education and child development, and (E) assurances
325 that the provisions of section 8-210, as amended by this act, are being
326 preserved in the planning and development of the coordinated system
327 of early care and education and child development.

328 (2) On and after January 1, 2012, until July 1, 2013, the planning
329 director shall semiannually report to the joint standing committees of
330 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
331 appropriations, human services and education, in accordance with the

332 provisions of section 11-4a. Such report may include, but not be limited
333 to, (A) recommendations regarding the consolidation of agencies to
334 improve coordination within the coordinated system of early care and
335 education and child development, (B) suggestions regarding how
336 federal, state and local resources can be combined to maximize
337 efficiencies in the system and outcomes for children and families, (C)
338 suggestions to improve the manner in which state and local early
339 childhood education initiatives are coordinated so as to provide
340 holistic, high quality early education for young children, (D)
341 recommendations for improvements to the coordinated system of early
342 care and education and child development, and (E) assurances that the
343 provisions of section 8-210, as amended by this act, are being
344 preserved in the planning and development of the coordinated system
345 of early care and education and child development.

346 (3) On or before January 30, 2013, the planning director shall report
347 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
348 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, human services and
349 education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a. Such
350 report shall include recommendations as to which department shall be
351 the lead agency and where the staff of the coordinated system of early
352 care and education and child development will be located.

353 (f) The position of planning director shall terminate not later than
354 the effective date of this section.

355 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 10-266p of the 2014 supplement to
356 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
357 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

358 (a) The State Board of Education shall administer a priority school
359 district grant program to assist certain school districts to improve
360 student achievement and enhance educational opportunities. The
361 grant program shall include the priority school district portions of the
362 grant programs established pursuant to sections [10-16p,] 10-265f, 10-

363 265m and 10-266t. The grant program and its component parts shall be
364 for school districts in (1) the eight towns in the state with the largest
365 population, based on the most recent federal decennial census, (2)
366 towns which rank for the first fiscal year of each biennium from one to
367 eleven when all towns are ranked in descending order from one to one
368 hundred sixty-nine based on the number of children under the
369 temporary family assistance program, as defined in subdivision (17) of
370 section 10-262f, plus the mastery count of the town, as defined in
371 subdivision (13) of section 10-262f, and (3) towns which rank for the
372 first fiscal year of each biennium one to eleven when all towns are
373 ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine based
374 on the ratio of the number of children under the temporary family
375 assistance program as so defined to the resident students of such town,
376 as defined in subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, plus the grant mastery
377 percentage of the town, as defined in subdivision (12) of section 10-
378 262f. The State Board of Education shall utilize the categorical grant
379 program established under this section and sections 10-266q and 10-
380 266r and other educational resources of the state to work cooperatively
381 with such school districts during any school year to improve their
382 educational programs or [to provide early childhood education or]
383 early reading intervention programs. The component parts of the grant
384 shall be allocated according to the provisions of sections [10-16p,] 10-
385 265f, 10-265m and 10-266t. Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of
386 section 10-276a, the State Board of Education shall allocate one million
387 dollars to each of the eight towns described in subdivision (1) of this
388 subsection and five hundred thousand dollars to each of the towns
389 described in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, except the
390 towns described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not receive
391 any additional allocation if they are also described in subdivision (2) or
392 (3) of this subsection.

393 Sec. 6. Section 10-16n of the general statutes is repealed and the
394 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

395 (a) The [Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the

396 Commissioner of Social Services,] executive director of the Office of
397 Early Childhood shall establish a competitive grant program to assist
398 nonprofit agencies and local and regional boards of education, which
399 are federal Head Start grantees, in (1) establishing extended-day and
400 full-day, year-round, Head Start programs or expanding existing Head
401 Start programs to extended-day or full-day, year-round programs, (2)
402 enhancing program quality, and (3) increasing the number of children
403 served. The [commissioner] executive director, after consultation with
404 the committee established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section,
405 shall establish criteria for the grants, provided at least twenty-five per
406 cent of the funding for such grants shall be for the purpose of
407 enhancing program quality. Nonprofit agencies or boards of education
408 seeking grants pursuant to this section shall make application to the
409 [Commissioner of Education] executive director on such forms and at
410 such times as the [commissioner] executive director shall prescribe. All
411 grants pursuant to this section shall be funded within the limits of
412 available appropriations or otherwise from federal funds and private
413 donations. All full-day, year-round Head Start programs funded
414 pursuant to this section shall be in compliance with federal Head Start
415 performance standards.

416 (b) The [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood shall
417 annually allocate to each town in which the number of children under
418 the [aid to dependent children] temporary family assistance program,
419 as defined in subdivision [(14)] (17) of section 10-262f, equals or
420 exceeds nine hundred children, determined for the fiscal year ending
421 June 30, 1996, an amount equal to one hundred fifty thousand dollars
422 plus eight and one-half dollars for each child under the [aid to
423 dependent children] temporary family assistance program, provided
424 such amount may be reduced proportionately so that the total amount
425 awarded pursuant to this subsection does not exceed two million
426 seven hundred thousand dollars. The [department] office shall award
427 grants to the local and regional boards of education for such towns and
428 nonprofit agencies located in such towns which meet the criteria

429 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to maintain the
430 programs established or expanded with funds provided pursuant to
431 this subsection in the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, and June 30,
432 1997. Any funds remaining in the allocation to such a town after grants
433 are so awarded shall be used to increase allocations to other such
434 towns. Any funds remaining after grants are so awarded to boards of
435 education and nonprofit agencies in all such towns shall be available to
436 local and regional boards of education and nonprofit agencies in other
437 towns in the state for grants for such purposes.

438 (c) There is established a committee to advise the [Commissioner of
439 Education] executive director concerning the coordination, priorities
440 for allocation and distribution, and utilization of funds for Head Start
441 and concerning the competitive grant program established under this
442 section, and to evaluate programs funded pursuant to this section. The
443 committee shall consist of the following members: (1) One member
444 designated by the [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director;
445 (2) six members who are directors of Head Start programs, two from
446 community action agency program sites or school readiness liaisons,
447 one of whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the
448 Senate and one by the speaker of the House of Representatives, two
449 from public school program sites, one of whom shall be appointed by
450 the majority leader of the Senate and one by the majority leader of the
451 House of Representatives, and two from other nonprofit agency
452 program sites, one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader
453 of the Senate and one by the minority leader of the House of
454 Representatives; (3) one member designated by the Commission on
455 Children; (4) one member designated by the Early Childhood
456 [Education] Cabinet, established pursuant to section 10-16z, as
457 amended by this act; (5) two members designated by the Head Start
458 Association, one of whom shall be the parent of a present or former
459 Head Start student; (6) one member designated by the Connecticut
460 Association for Community Action who shall have expertise and
461 experience concerning Head Start; (7) one member designated by the

462 Region I Office of Head Start within the federal Administration of
463 Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human
464 Services; and (8) the director of the Head Start Collaboration Office.

465 (d) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director may adopt
466 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for
467 purposes of this section.

468 Sec. 7. Section 10-16p of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
469 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
470 *1, 2014*):

471 (a) As used in sections 10-16o to 10-16s, inclusive, as amended by
472 this act, 10-16u, as amended by this act, 17b-749a, as amended by this
473 act, and 17b-749c, as amended by this act:

474 (1) "School readiness program" means a nonsectarian program that
475 (A) meets the standards set by the [department] Office of Early
476 Childhood pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and the
477 requirements of section 10-16q, as amended by this act, and (B)
478 provides a developmentally appropriate learning experience of not less
479 than four hundred fifty hours and one hundred eighty days for eligible
480 children, except as provided in subsection (d) of section 10-16q, as
481 amended by this act;

482 (2) "Eligible children" means children three and four years of age
483 and children five years of age who are not eligible to enroll in school
484 pursuant to section 10-15c, or who are eligible to enroll in school and
485 will attend a school readiness program pursuant to section 10-16t;

486 (3) "Priority school" means a school in which forty per cent or more
487 of the lunches served are served to students who are eligible for free or
488 reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations,
489 excluding such a school located in a priority school district pursuant to
490 section 10-266p, as amended by this act, or in a former priority school
491 district receiving a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and,

492 on and after July 1, 2001, excluding such a school in a transitional
493 school district receiving a grant pursuant to section 10-16u, as
494 amended by this act;

495 (4) "Severe need school" means a school in a priority school district
496 pursuant to section 10-266p, as amended by this act, or in a former
497 priority school district in which forty per cent or more of the lunches
498 served are served to students who are eligible for free or reduced price
499 lunches;

500 (5) "Accredited" means accredited by the National Association for
501 the Education of Young Children, a Head Start on-site program review
502 instrument or a successor instrument pursuant to federal regulations,
503 or otherwise meeting such criteria as may be established by the
504 [commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social
505 Services] executive director, unless the context otherwise requires;

506 (6) "Year-round" means fifty weeks per year, except as provided in
507 subsection (d) of section 10-16q, as amended by this act;

508 [(7) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Education; and

509 (8) "Department" means the Department of Education.]

510 (7) "Executive director" means the executive director of the Office of
511 Early Childhood;

512 (8) "Office" means the Office of Early Childhood.

513 (b) (1) The [Department of Education] office shall be the lead agency
514 for school readiness. For purposes of this section and section 10-16u, as
515 amended by this act, school readiness program providers eligible for
516 funding from the [Department of Education] office shall include local
517 and regional boards of education, regional educational service centers,
518 family resource centers and providers of child day care centers, as
519 defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, Head Start
520 programs, preschool programs and other programs that meet such

521 standards established by the [Commissioner of Education] executive
522 director. The [department] office shall establish standards for school
523 readiness programs. The standards may include, but need not be
524 limited to, guidelines for staff-child interactions, curriculum content,
525 including preliteracy development, lesson plans, parent involvement,
526 staff qualifications and training, transition to school and
527 administration. The [department] office shall develop age-appropriate
528 developmental skills and goals for children attending such programs.
529 The [commissioner] executive director, in consultation with the
530 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the
531 [Commissioner of] Commissioners of Education and Social Services
532 and other appropriate entities, shall develop a professional
533 development program for the staff of school readiness programs.

534 (2) For purposes of this section:

535 (A) Prior to July 1, 2015, "staff qualifications" means there is in each
536 classroom an individual who has at least the following: (i) A childhood
537 development associate credential or an equivalent credential issued by
538 an organization approved by the [Commissioner of Education]
539 executive director and twelve credits or more in early childhood
540 education or child development, as determined by the executive
541 director or the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education,
542 after consultation with the [Commissioners of Education and Social
543 Services] executive director, from an institution of higher education (I)
544 accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, Office of
545 Higher Education or State Board of Education, and (II) regionally
546 accredited; (ii) an associate's degree with twelve credits or more in
547 early childhood education or child development, as determined by the
548 executive director or the president of the Board of Regents for Higher
549 Education, after consultation with the [Commissioners of Education
550 and Social Services] executive director, from such an institution; (iii) a
551 four-year degree with twelve credits or more in early childhood
552 education or child development, as determined by the executive
553 director or the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education,

554 after consultation with the [Commissioners of Education and Social
555 Services] executive director, from such an institution; or (iv)
556 certification pursuant to section 10-145b with an endorsement in early
557 childhood education or special education;

558 (B) From July 1, 2015, [to] until June 30, 2020, "staff qualifications"
559 means that for each early childhood education program accepting state
560 funds for infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such
561 program's child day care program or school readiness program, (i) at
562 least fifty per cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility
563 for a classroom of children hold (I) certification pursuant to section 10-
564 145b with an endorsement in early childhood education or early
565 childhood special education, or (II) a bachelor's degree with a
566 concentration in early childhood education, including, but not limited
567 to, a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, child study, child
568 development or human growth and development, from an institution
569 of higher education accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher
570 Education or Office of Higher Education, and regionally accredited,
571 provided such bachelor's degree program is approved by the Board of
572 Regents for Higher Education or Office of Higher Education and the
573 [Department of Education] office, and (ii) such remaining individuals
574 with the primary responsibility for a classroom of children hold an
575 associate degree with a concentration in early childhood education,
576 including, but not limited to, an associate's degree in early childhood
577 education, child study, child development or human growth and
578 development, from an institution of higher education (I) accredited by
579 the Board of Regents for Higher Education or Office of Higher
580 Education, and (II) regionally accredited, provided such associate
581 degree program is approved by the Board of Regents for Higher
582 Education or Office of Higher Education and the [Department of
583 Education] office; and

584 (C) On and after July 1, 2020, "staff qualifications" means that for
585 each early childhood education program accepting state funds for
586 infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's

587 child day care program or school readiness program, one hundred per
588 cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility for a
589 classroom of children hold (i) certification pursuant to section 10-145b
590 with an endorsement in early childhood education or early childhood
591 special education, or (ii) a bachelor's degree with a concentration in
592 early childhood education, including, but not limited to, a bachelor's
593 degree in early childhood education, child study, child development or
594 human growth and development, from an institution of higher
595 education (I) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education,
596 Office of Higher Education or State Board of Education, and (II)
597 regionally accredited, provided such bachelor's degree program is
598 approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or Office of
599 Higher Education and the [Department of Education] office.

600 (3) Any individual with a bachelor's degree and twelve credits or
601 more in early childhood education or child development, who, on or
602 before June 30, 2015, is employed as a teacher by an early childhood
603 education program that accepts state funds for infant, toddler and
604 preschool spaces associated with such program's child day care
605 program or school readiness program [and meets the staff
606 qualifications required under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of
607 this subsection] shall be considered to meet the staff qualifications
608 required under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (2) of this
609 subsection. No such early childhood education program shall
610 terminate any such individual from employment for purposes of
611 meeting the staff qualification requirements set forth in subparagraph
612 (B) or (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection. [Any such individual
613 who terminates his or her employment with such early childhood
614 education program and accepts a teacher position at another early
615 childhood education program accepting state funds for spaces
616 associated with such program's child day care program or school
617 readiness program shall submit documentation of such individual's
618 progress toward meeting the staff qualification requirements set forth
619 in subparagraph (B) or (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection in a

620 manner determined by the Department of Education.]

621 (4) Any individual with a bachelor's degree and twelve credits or
622 more in early childhood education or child development, other than
623 those bachelor's degrees specified in subparagraphs [(A) and] (B) and
624 (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection, may submit documentation
625 concerning such degree for review and assessment by the [Department
626 of Education] office as to whether such degree has a sufficient
627 concentration in early childhood education so as to satisfy the
628 requirements set forth in said subparagraphs [(A) and] (B) and (C).

629 (c) The [Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
630 Commissioner of Social Services,] executive director shall establish a
631 grant program to provide spaces in accredited school readiness
632 programs for eligible children who reside in priority school districts
633 pursuant to section 10-266p, as amended by this act, or in former
634 priority school districts as provided in this subsection. Under the
635 program, the grant shall be provided, in accordance with this section,
636 to the town in which such priority school district or former priority
637 school district is located. Eligibility shall be determined for a five-year
638 period based on an applicant's designation as a priority school district
639 for the initial year of application, except that if a school district that
640 receives a grant pursuant to this subsection is no longer designated as
641 a priority school district at the end of such five-year period, such
642 former priority school district shall continue to be eligible to receive a
643 grant pursuant to this subsection. Grant awards shall be made
644 annually contingent upon available funding and a satisfactory annual
645 evaluation. The chief elected official of such town and the
646 superintendent of schools for such priority school district or former
647 priority school district shall submit a plan for the expenditure of grant
648 funds and responses to the local request for proposal process to the
649 [Departments of Education and Social Services. The departments shall
650 jointly review such plans and shall each approve the portion of such
651 plan within its jurisdiction for funding] executive director. The
652 executive director shall review and approve such plans. The plan shall:

653 (1) Be developed in consultation with the local or regional school
654 readiness council established pursuant to section 10-16r, as amended
655 by this act; (2) be based on a needs and resource assessment; (3)
656 provide for the issuance of requests for proposals for providers of
657 accredited school readiness programs, provided, after the initial
658 requests for proposals, facilities that have been approved to operate a
659 child care program financed through the Connecticut Health and
660 Education Facilities Authority and have received a commitment for
661 debt service from the Department of Social Services, pursuant to
662 section 17b-749i, as amended by this act, on or before June 30, 2014,
663 and on and after July 1, 2014, from the office, are exempt from the
664 requirement for issuance of annual requests for proposals; and (4)
665 identify the need for funding pursuant to section 17b-749a, as
666 amended by this act, in order to extend the hours and days of
667 operation of school readiness programs in order to provide child day
668 care services for children attending such programs.

669 (d) (1) The [Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
670 Commissioner of Social Services,] executive director shall establish a
671 competitive grant program [to provide spaces in accredited school
672 readiness programs] for eligible children who reside (A) in an area
673 served by a priority school or a former priority school, [as provided for
674 in subdivision (2) of this subsection,] (B) in a town ranked one to fifty
675 when all towns are ranked in ascending order according to town
676 wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of section 10-262f, whose school
677 district is not a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p, as
678 amended by this act, or (C) in a town formerly a town described in
679 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, as provided for in subdivision (2)
680 of this subsection. A town in which a priority school is located, a
681 regional school readiness council, pursuant to subsection (c) of section
682 10-16r, for a region in which such a school is located or a town
683 described in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision may apply for such a
684 grant in an amount not to exceed one hundred seven thousand dollars
685 per priority school or town. Eligibility shall be determined for a five-

686 year period based on an applicant's designation as having a priority
687 school or being a town described in subparagraph (B) of this
688 subdivision for the initial year of application. Grant awards shall be
689 made annually contingent upon available funding and a satisfactory
690 annual evaluation. The chief elected official of such town and the
691 superintendent of schools of the school district or the regional school
692 readiness council shall submit a plan, as described in subsection (c) of
693 this section, for the expenditure of such grant funds to the
694 [Department of Education] executive director. In awarding grants
695 pursuant to this subsection, the [commissioner] executive director shall
696 give preference to applications submitted by regional school readiness
697 councils and may, within available appropriations, provide a grant in
698 excess of one hundred seven thousand dollars to towns with two or
699 more priority schools in such district. A town or regional school
700 readiness council awarded a grant pursuant to this subsection shall use
701 the funds to purchase spaces for such children from providers of
702 accredited school readiness programs.

703 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision,
704 commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, if a town
705 received a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and is
706 no longer eligible to receive such a grant, the town may receive a
707 phase-out grant for each of the three fiscal years following the fiscal
708 year such town received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of
709 this subsection.

710 (B) The amount of such phase-out grants shall be determined as
711 follows: (i) For the first fiscal year following the fiscal year such town
712 received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in
713 an amount that does not exceed seventy-five per cent of the grant
714 amount such town received for the town or school's final year of
715 eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection; (ii) for the
716 second fiscal year following the fiscal year such town received its final
717 grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that
718 does not exceed fifty per cent of the grant amount such town received

719 for the town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to
720 subdivision (1) of this subsection; and (iii) for the third fiscal year
721 following the fiscal year such town received its final grant pursuant to
722 subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that does not exceed
723 twenty-five per cent of the grant amount such town received for the
724 town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of
725 this subsection.

726 (C) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and each fiscal year
727 thereafter, any town that received a grant pursuant to subparagraph
728 (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection for the fiscal year ending June
729 30, 2010, shall continue to receive a grant under this subsection even if
730 the town no longer meets the criteria for such grant pursuant to
731 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

732 (e) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and each fiscal year
733 thereafter, priority school districts and former priority school districts
734 shall receive grants based on the sum of the products obtained by (A)
735 multiplying the district's number of contracted slots on March thirtieth
736 of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid,
737 by the per child cost pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of
738 section 10-16q, as amended by this act, except that such per child cost
739 shall be reduced for slots that are less than year-round, and (B)
740 multiplying the number of additional or decreased slots the districts
741 have requested for the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid by
742 the per child cost pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of
743 section 10-16q, as amended by this act, except such per child cost shall
744 be reduced for slots that are less than year-round. If said sum exceeds
745 the available appropriation, such number of requested additional slots
746 shall be reduced, as determined by the [Commissioner of Education]
747 executive director, to stay within the available appropriation.

748 (2) (A) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of
749 this section are not expended, the [Commissioner of Education]
750 executive director may deposit such unexpended funds in the account

751 established under section 10-16aa, as amended by this act, and use
752 such unexpended funds in accordance with the provisions of section
753 10-16aa, as amended by this act.

754 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2012] 2015, and each fiscal
755 year thereafter, if funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c)
756 of this section are not expended, an amount up to five hundred
757 thousand dollars of such unexpended funds may be available for the
758 provision of professional development for early childhood care and
759 education program providers, [offered by a professional development
760 and program improvement system within the Connecticut State
761 University System] and staff employed in such programs, provided
762 such programs accept state funds for infant, toddler and preschool
763 slots. Such unexpended funds may be available for use in accordance
764 with the provisions of this subparagraph for the subsequent fiscal year.
765 The [Commissioner of Education] executive director may use such
766 unexpended funds on and after [July 1, 2012, in consultation with the
767 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education] July 1, 2015, to
768 support early childhood education programs accepting state funds in
769 satisfying the staff qualifications requirements of subparagraphs (B)
770 and (C) of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section. The
771 [Department of Education] executive director shall use any such funds
772 to provide assistance to individual staff members, giving priority to
773 those staff members attending an institution of higher education (i)
774 accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or [State
775 Board of Education] Office of Higher Education, and approved by the
776 office, and [(ii)] regionally accredited, at a maximum of five thousand
777 dollars per staff member per year for the cost of higher education
778 courses leading to a bachelor's degree or, not later than December 31,
779 [2013] 2015, an associate's degree, as such degrees are described in said
780 subparagraphs (B) and (C), [at an in-state public institution of higher
781 education or a Connecticut-based for-profit or nonprofit institution of
782 higher education] or (ii) offering noncredit competency-based training
783 approved by the office, at a maximum of one thousand dollars per staff

784 member per year, provided such staff members have applied for all
785 available federal and state scholarships and grants, and such assistance
786 does not exceed such staff members' financial need. Individual staff
787 members shall apply for such unexpended funds in a manner
788 determined by the [Department of Education] executive director. The
789 [Commissioner of Education] executive director shall determine [, in
790 consultation with the president of the Board of Regents for Higher
791 Education,] how such unexpended funds shall be distributed.

792 (C) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of this
793 section are not expended pursuant to subsection (c) of this section,
794 deposited pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or used
795 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the [Commissioner
796 of Education] executive director may use such unexpended funds to
797 support local school readiness programs. The [commissioner]
798 executive director may use such funds for purposes including, but not
799 limited to, (i) assisting local school readiness programs in meeting and
800 maintaining accreditation requirements, (ii) providing training in
801 implementing the preschool assessment and curriculum frameworks,
802 including training to enhance literacy teaching skills, (iii) developing a
803 state-wide preschool curriculum, (iv) developing student assessments
804 for students in grades kindergarten to two, inclusive, (v) developing
805 and implementing best practices for parents in supporting preschool
806 and kindergarten student learning, (vi) developing and implementing
807 strategies for children to transition from preschool to kindergarten,
808 (vii) providing for professional development, including assisting in
809 career ladder advancement, for school readiness staff, and (viii)
810 providing supplemental grants to other towns that are eligible for
811 grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

812 (3) Notwithstanding subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the fiscal
813 years ending June 30, [2008] 2015, to June 30, [2013] 2016, inclusive, the
814 [Department of Education] office may retain up to one hundred
815 ninety-eight thousand two hundred dollars of the amount
816 appropriated for purposes of this section for coordination, program

817 evaluation and administration.

818 (f) Any school readiness program that receives funds pursuant to
819 this section or section 10-16u, as amended by this act, shall not
820 discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion
821 or disability. For purposes of this section, a nonsectarian program
822 means any public or private school readiness program that is not
823 violative of the Establishment Clause of the Constitution of the State of
824 Connecticut or the Establishment Clause of the Constitution of the
825 United States of America.

826 (g) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, no funds received by
827 a town pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-
828 16u, as amended by this act, shall be used to supplant federal, state or
829 local funding received by such town for early childhood education,
830 provided a town may use an amount determined in accordance with
831 this subsection for coordination, program evaluation and
832 administration. Such amount shall be at least twenty-five thousand
833 dollars but not more than seventy-five thousand dollars and shall be
834 determined by the [Department of Education, in consultation with the
835 Department of Social Services,] executive director based on the school
836 readiness grant award allocated to the town pursuant to subsection (c)
837 or (d) of this section or section 10-16u, as amended by this act, and the
838 number of operating sites for coordination, program evaluation and
839 administration. Such amount shall be increased by an amount equal to
840 local funding provided for early childhood education coordination,
841 program evaluation and administration, not to exceed twenty-five
842 thousand dollars. Each town that receives a grant pursuant to
843 subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-16u, as amended by
844 this act, shall designate a person to be responsible for such
845 coordination, program evaluation and administration and to act as a
846 liaison between the town and the [Departments of Education and
847 Social Services] executive director. Each school readiness program that
848 receives funds pursuant to this section or section 10-16u, as amended
849 by this act, shall provide information to the [department] executive

850 director or the school readiness council, as requested, that is necessary
851 for purposes of any school readiness program evaluation.

852 (h) For the first three years a town receives grants pursuant to this
853 section, such grants may be used, with the approval of the
854 [commissioner] executive director, to prepare a facility or staff for
855 operating a school readiness program and shall be adjusted based on
856 the number of days of operation of a school readiness program if a
857 shorter term of operation is approved by the [commissioner] executive
858 director.

859 (i) A town may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible
860 children who reside in such town at an accredited school readiness
861 program located in another town. A regional school readiness council
862 may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible children who
863 reside in the region covered by the council at an accredited school
864 readiness program located outside such region.

865 (j) Children enrolled in school readiness programs funded pursuant
866 to this section shall not be counted (1) as resident students for
867 purposes of subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, or (2) in the
868 determination of average daily membership pursuant to subdivision
869 (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-261.

870 (k) Up to two per cent of the amount of the appropriation for this
871 section may be allocated to the competitive grant program pursuant to
872 subsection (d) of this section. The determination of the amount of such
873 allocation shall be made on or before August first.

874 Sec. 8. Section 10-16q of the general statutes is repealed and the
875 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

876 (a) Each school readiness program shall include: (1) A plan for
877 collaboration with other community programs and services, including
878 public libraries, and for coordination of resources in order to facilitate
879 full-day and year-round child care and education programs for

880 children of working parents and parents in education or training
881 programs; (2) parent involvement, parenting education and outreach;
882 (3) (A) record-keeping policies that require documentation of the name
883 and address of each child's doctor, primary care provider and health
884 insurance company and information on whether the child is
885 immunized and has had health screens pursuant to the federal Early
886 and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services Program
887 under 42 USC 1396d, and (B) referrals for health services, including
888 referrals for appropriate immunizations and screenings; (4) a plan for
889 the incorporation of appropriate preliteracy practices and teacher
890 training in such practices; (5) nutrition services; (6) referrals to family
891 literacy programs that incorporate adult basic education and provide
892 for the promotion of literacy through access to public library services;
893 (7) admission policies that promote enrollment of children from
894 different racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds and from other
895 communities; (8) a plan of transition for participating children from the
896 school readiness program to kindergarten and provide for the transfer
897 of records from the program to the kindergarten program; (9) a plan
898 for professional development for staff, including, but not limited to,
899 training (A) in preliteracy skills development, and (B) designed to
900 assure respect for racial and ethnic diversity; (10) a sliding fee scale for
901 families participating in the program pursuant to section 17b-749d, as
902 amended by this act; and (11) an annual evaluation of the effectiveness
903 of the program. [On and after July 1, 2000, school readiness programs
904 shall use the assessment measures developed pursuant to section 10-
905 16s in conducting their annual evaluations.]

906 [(b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the per child cost of
907 the Department of Education school readiness component of the
908 program offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed six
909 thousand six hundred fifty dollars.]

910 [(2)] (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2009] 2014, and each
911 fiscal year thereafter, the per child cost of the [Department of
912 Education] Office of Early Childhood school readiness program

913 offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed eight thousand
914 three hundred forty-six dollars.

915 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of section
916 10-16p, as amended by this act, the [Department of Education] office
917 shall not provide funding to any school readiness provider that (A) on
918 or before January 1, 2004, first entered into a contract with a town to
919 provide school readiness services pursuant to this section and is not
920 accredited on January 1, 2007, or (B) after January 1, 2004, first entered
921 into a contract with a town to provide school readiness services
922 pursuant to this section and does not become accredited by the date
923 three years after the date on which the provider first entered into such
924 a contract, except that the [Commissioner of Education] executive
925 director may grant an extension of time for a school readiness program
926 to become accredited or reaccredited, provided (i) prior to such
927 extension, the [Department of Education] office conducts an on-site
928 assessment of any such program and maintains a report of such
929 assessment completed in a uniform manner, as prescribed by the
930 [commissioner] executive director, that includes a list of conditions
931 such program must fulfill to become accredited or reaccredited, (ii) on
932 or before June 30, 2014, the program is licensed by the Department of
933 Public Health if required to be licensed by chapter 368a, and on and
934 after July 1, 2014, the program is licensed by the office if required to be
935 licensed by chapter 368a, (iii) the program has a corrective action plan
936 that shall be prescribed by and monitored by the [Commissioner of
937 Education] office, and (iv) the program meets such other conditions as
938 may be prescribed by the [commissioner] executive director. During
939 the period of such extension, such program shall be eligible for
940 funding pursuant to said section 10-16p, as amended by this act.

941 ~~[(4)]~~ (3) A school readiness provider may provide child day care
942 services and the cost of such child day care services shall not be subject
943 to such per child cost limitation.

944 (c) A local or regional board of education may implement a sliding

945 fee scale for the cost of services provided to children enrolled in a
946 school readiness program.

947 (d) A town or school readiness council may file a waiver application
948 to the [Department of Education] office on forms provided by the
949 [department] office for the purpose of seeking approval of a school
950 readiness schedule that varies from the minimum hours and number
951 of days provided for in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-
952 16p, as amended by this act, or from the definition of a year-round
953 program pursuant to subdivision [(7) of said] (6) of subsection (a) of
954 section 10-16p, as amended by this act. The [Department of Education]
955 office may [, in consultation with the Department of Social Services,]
956 approve any such waiver if the [departments find] office finds that the
957 proposed schedule meets the purposes set forth in the provisions of
958 section 10-16o concerning the development of school readiness
959 programs and maximizes available dollars to serve more children or
960 address community needs.

961 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 10-16r of the general statutes is
962 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
963 *1, 2014*):

964 (b) The local school readiness council shall: (1) Make
965 recommendations to the chief elected official and the superintendent of
966 schools on issues relating to school readiness, including any
967 applications for grants pursuant to sections 10-16p, as amended by this
968 act, 10-16u, as amended by this act, 17b-749a, as amended by this act,
969 and 17b-749c, as amended by this act; (2) foster partnerships among
970 providers of school readiness programs; (3) assist in the identification
971 of (A) the need for school readiness programs and the number of
972 children not being served by such a program, and (B) for priority
973 school districts pursuant to section 10-266p, as amended by this act,
974 the number of children not being served by such a program and the
975 estimated operating cost of providing universal school readiness to
976 eligible children in such districts who are not being served; (4) submit

977 biennial reports to the [Department of Education] Office of Early
978 Childhood on the number and location of school readiness spaces and
979 estimates of future needs; (5) submit biennial reports on factors
980 identified pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection; (6) cooperate
981 with the [department] office in any program evaluation [and, on and
982 after July 1, 2000, use measures developed pursuant to section 10-16s]
983 for purposes of evaluating the effectiveness of school readiness
984 programs; (7) identify existing and prospective resources and services
985 available to children and families; (8) facilitate the coordination of the
986 delivery of services to children and families, including (A) referral
987 procedures, and (B) before and after-school child care for children
988 attending kindergarten programs; (9) exchange information with other
989 councils, the community and organizations serving the needs of
990 children and families; (10) make recommendations to school officials
991 concerning transition from school readiness programs to kindergarten;
992 and (11) encourage public participation.

993 Sec. 10. Section 10-16s of the general statutes is repealed and the
994 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

995 [(a)] The executive director of the Office of Early Childhood and the
996 Commissioners of Education, [and] Children and Families,
997 Developmental Services, Social Services and Public Health shall
998 develop an agreement to define the duties and responsibilities of their
999 departments concerning [school readiness programs] implementation
1000 of the coordinated system of early care and education, pursuant to
1001 section 10-16bb, as amended by this act. The executive director and
1002 commissioners shall consult with other affected state agencies. [The
1003 agreement shall include, but not be limited to, a multiyear interagency
1004 agreement to establish and implement an integrated school readiness
1005 plan. Functions to be described and responsibilities to be undertaken
1006 by the two departments shall be delineated in the agreement.] On or
1007 before January 1, [2010] 2015, and annually thereafter, the
1008 [Commissioners of Education and Social Services] executive director
1009 shall submit such agreement, in accordance with the provisions of

1010 section 11-4a, to the Early Childhood [Education] Cabinet, established
1011 pursuant to section 10-16z, as amended by this act, and to the joint
1012 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1013 matters relating to education and human services.

1014 [(b) On or before January 1, 2008, the commissioners shall adopt
1015 assessment measures of school readiness programs for use by such
1016 programs in conducting their annual evaluations pursuant to section
1017 10-16q. The commissioners may adopt the assessment measures used
1018 for Head Start programs.]

1019 Sec. 11. Section 10-16u of the general statutes is repealed and the
1020 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1021 For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2002] 2015, and each fiscal year
1022 thereafter, the [Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
1023 Commissioner of Social Services,] executive director of the Office of
1024 Early Childhood shall provide grants, within available appropriations,
1025 to eligible school readiness program providers pursuant to subsection
1026 (b) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act, to provide spaces in
1027 accredited school readiness programs for eligible children who reside
1028 in transitional school districts pursuant to section 10-263c, except for
1029 transitional school districts eligible for grants pursuant to subsection
1030 (c) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act. Under the program, the
1031 grant shall be provided to the town in which such transitional school
1032 district is located. Eligibility shall be determined for a five-year period
1033 based on a school district's designation as a transitional school district
1034 in the initial year of application, except that grants pursuant to this
1035 section shall not be provided for transitional school districts eligible for
1036 grants pursuant to subsection (c) of [said] section 10-16p, as amended
1037 by this act. Grant awards shall be made annually contingent upon
1038 available funding and a satisfactory annual evaluation. The chief
1039 elected official of such town and the superintendent of schools for such
1040 transitional school district shall submit a plan for the expenditure of
1041 grant funds and responses to the local request for proposal process to

1042 the [Departments of Education and Social Services. The departments
1043 shall jointly review such plans and shall each approve the portion of
1044 such plan within its jurisdiction for funding. The plan shall] executive
1045 director. The executive director shall review and approve such plans,
1046 provided such plans meet the requirements specified in subsection (c)
1047 of [said] section 10-16p, as amended by this act.

1048 Sec. 12. Section 10-16w of the general statutes is repealed and the
1049 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1050 [Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of Education]
1051 The executive director of the Office of Early Childhood shall provide,
1052 within available appropriations, technical assistance and training to
1053 [school readiness programs] early childhood providers to assist in the
1054 [application of preschool curriculum guidelines] implementation of the
1055 state's early learning and development standards adopted by the State
1056 Board of Education.

1057 Sec. 13. Section 10-16z of the general statutes is repealed and the
1058 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1059 (a) There is established the Early Childhood [Education] Cabinet.
1060 The cabinet shall consist of: (1) The executive director of the Office of
1061 Early Childhood, or the executive director's designee, (2) the
1062 Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee, [(2) one
1063 representative from the Department of Education who is responsible
1064 for programs required under the Individuals With Disabilities
1065 Education Act, 20 USC 1400 et seq., as amended from time to time,
1066 appointed by the Commissioner of Education,] (3) the Commissioner
1067 of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee, (4) [a representative
1068 from an institution of higher education in this state appointed by] the
1069 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, or the
1070 president's designee, (5) the Commissioner of Public Health, or the
1071 commissioner's designee, (6) the Commissioner of Developmental
1072 Services, or the commissioner's designee, (7) the Commissioner of

1073 Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee, (8) the
1074 executive director of the Commission on Children, or the executive
1075 director's designee, (9) the project director of the Connecticut Head
1076 Start State Collaboration Office, (10) a parent or guardian of a child
1077 who attends or attended a school readiness program appointed by the
1078 minority leader of the House of Representatives, (11) a representative
1079 of a local provider of early childhood education appointed by the
1080 minority leader of the Senate, (12) a representative of the Connecticut
1081 Family Resource Center Alliance appointed by the majority leader of
1082 the House of Representatives, (13) a representative of a state funded
1083 child care center appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, (14)
1084 two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of
1085 whom is a member of [the House of Representatives] a board of
1086 education for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined in
1087 section 10-262u, and one of whom is a parent who has a child
1088 attending a school in [a priority school district] an educational reform
1089 district, as defined in section 10-262u, (15) two appointed by the
1090 president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom is [a member of the
1091 Senate] an instructor of a preschool program and one of whom is a
1092 representative of a public elementary school with a prekindergarten
1093 program, (16) [two] four appointed by the Governor, one of whom is a
1094 representative of the Connecticut Head Start Association, [and] one of
1095 whom is a representative of the business [or philanthropic] community
1096 in this state, one of whom is a representative of the philanthropic
1097 community in this state and one of whom is a representative of the
1098 Connecticut State Employees Association, and (17) the Secretary of the
1099 Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee. [The
1100 chairperson of the council shall be appointed from among its members
1101 by the Governor.]

1102 (b) The executive director of the Office of Early Childhood shall
1103 serve as the cochairperson of the cabinet. The other cochairperson of
1104 the cabinet shall be appointed from among its members by the
1105 Governor. The cabinet shall meet at least quarterly. Members shall not

1106 be compensated for their services. Any member who fails to attend
1107 three consecutive meetings or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all
1108 meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have
1109 resigned from the cabinet.

1110 [(b)] (c) Within available [appropriations and such private funding
1111 as may be available] resources, the Early Childhood [Education]
1112 Cabinet shall (1) [coordinate among state agencies, as well as public
1113 and private partnerships, the development of services that enhance the
1114 health, safety and learning of children from birth to nine years of age,
1115 inclusive] advise the Office of Early Childhood in the administration of
1116 the coordinated system of early care and education, described in
1117 section 10-16bb, as amended by this act, (2) not later than December 1,
1118 2009, and annually thereafter, develop an annual plan of action that
1119 assigns the appropriate state agency to complete the tasks specified in
1120 the federal Head Start Act of 2007, P.L. 110-134, as amended from time
1121 to time, and (3) not later than March 1, 2010, and annually thereafter,
1122 submit an annual state-wide strategic report, pursuant to said federal
1123 Head Start Act, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a,
1124 addressing the progress such agencies have made toward the
1125 completion of such tasks outlined under said federal Head Start Act
1126 and this subsection to the Governor and the joint standing committees
1127 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
1128 education and human services.

1129 [(c)] (d) The Early Childhood [Education] Cabinet shall be within
1130 the [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood for
1131 administrative purposes only.

1132 Sec. 14. Section 10-16aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
1133 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1134 There is established an account to be known as the competitive
1135 district grant account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account
1136 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys

1137 required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account
1138 shall be expended by the [Commissioner of Education] executive
1139 director of the Office of Early Childhood for the purposes of providing
1140 grants to competitive school districts to make slots available in
1141 [preschool] school readiness programs. For purposes of this section,
1142 "competitive school district" means a school district described in
1143 [subdivision (1) of] subsection (d) of section 10-16p, as amended by
1144 this act, that has more than nine thousand students enrolled in schools
1145 in the district.

1146 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Office of Early Childhood
1147 is designated as the state agency for the administration of the child
1148 care development block grant pursuant to the Child Care and
1149 Development Block Grant Act of 1990.

1150 Sec. 16. Section 17b-2 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
1151 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1152 *1, 2014*):

1153 The Department of Social Services is designated as the state agency
1154 for the administration of (1) [the child care development block grant
1155 pursuant to the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990;
1156 (2)] the Connecticut energy assistance program pursuant to the Low
1157 Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981; [(3)] (2) the state plan for
1158 vocational rehabilitation services for the fiscal year ending June 30,
1159 1994; [(4)] (3) the refugee assistance program pursuant to the Refugee
1160 Act of 1980; [(5)] (4) the legalization impact assistance grant program
1161 pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986; [(6)] (5)
1162 the temporary assistance for needy families program pursuant to the
1163 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
1164 1996; [(7)] (6) the Medicaid program pursuant to Title XIX of the Social
1165 Security Act; [(8)] (7) the supplemental nutrition assistance program
1166 pursuant to the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; [(9)] (8) the state
1167 supplement to the Supplemental Security Income Program pursuant to
1168 the Social Security Act; [(10)] (9) the state child support enforcement

1169 plan pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act; and [(11)] (10)
1170 the state social services plan for the implementation of the social
1171 services block grants and community services block grants pursuant to
1172 the Social Security Act.

1173 Sec. 17. Subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of section 17b-705a of the
1174 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1175 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1176 (c) On or after July 1, [2012] 2014, and monthly thereafter, the
1177 [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the Office of
1178 Early Childhood shall compile a list of the names of family child care
1179 providers who have participated in the child care subsidy program
1180 established pursuant to section 17b-749, as amended by this act, within
1181 the previous six calendar months. Such list shall be considered a public
1182 record, as defined in section 1-200.

1183 (d) For purposes of sections 4-65a and 5-270 and subsection (a) of
1184 section 5-278, the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early
1185 Childhood shall be considered an executive branch employer and an
1186 organization representing family child care providers that has been
1187 designated by the State Board of Labor Relations, pursuant to section
1188 5-275 or subsection (g) of this section, as the exclusive bargaining agent
1189 of such providers, shall have the right to bargain [with the state]
1190 concerning the terms and conditions of participation of family child
1191 care providers in the program covered by this section, including, but
1192 not limited to, (1) state reimbursement rates, (2) benefits, (3) payment
1193 procedures, (4) contract grievance arbitration, and (5) training,
1194 professional development and other requirements and opportunities
1195 appropriate for family child care providers.

1196 (e) (1) If the organization representing family child care providers
1197 and the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood do
1198 not reach an agreement not later than one hundred fifty days after
1199 negotiations have begun, the parties shall jointly select an arbitrator.

1200 The arbitrator selected shall have experience as an impartial arbitrator
1201 of labor-management disputes, and shall not be an individual
1202 employed as an advocate or consultant for labor or management in
1203 labor-management disputes. If the parties fail to agree on an arbitrator
1204 not later than one hundred sixty days after negotiations have begun,
1205 the selection of the arbitrator shall be made using the procedures
1206 under the voluntary labor arbitration rules of the American Arbitration
1207 Association.

1208 (2) Each party shall submit to the arbitrator, and to each other, a
1209 proposal setting forth such party's position on how each of the
1210 unresolved issues shall be resolved.

1211 (3) The arbitrator shall convene a hearing to allow the parties to
1212 provide evidence and argument to the arbitrator. The parties shall
1213 have the right to submit written briefs to the arbitrator. The arbitration
1214 record shall be officially closed at the close of the hearing, or the
1215 arbitrator's receipt of briefs, whichever is later.

1216 (4) The arbitrator's authority is limited to selecting the complete
1217 proposal of one party or the other on any unresolved issue. The
1218 arbitrator shall issue an award not later than forty-five days after the
1219 close of the record.

1220 (5) The factors to be considered by the arbitrator in arriving at a
1221 decision are: (A) The nature and needs of the family child care
1222 program and the needs and welfare of parents and children served by
1223 that program, including interests in better recruitment, retention and
1224 quality with respect to the covered family child care provider; (B) the
1225 history of negotiations between the parties including those leading to
1226 the instant proceeding; (C) the existing conditions of employment of
1227 similar groups of workers; (D) changes in the cost of living; and (E) the
1228 interests and welfare of the covered family child care providers.

1229 (6) The costs of the arbitrator and any fees associated with the
1230 arbitration proceeding shall be shared equally by the parties.

1231 (7) Any agreement or award reached pursuant to this section shall
1232 be submitted to the General Assembly for approval by filing the
1233 agreement or award with the clerks of the House and Senate. No
1234 provision of any agreement or award resulting from the collective
1235 bargaining process which would require supercedence of any law or
1236 regulation shall take effect without affirmative legislative approval.

1237 (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any
1238 provision in any agreement or award which would require an
1239 additional appropriation in order to maintain the levels of services
1240 provided by existing appropriations shall be presented to the General
1241 Assembly for approval in accordance with the budgetary process
1242 applicable to appropriations, including, but not limited to, affirmative
1243 legislative approval. Other provisions of the agreement or award shall
1244 be deemed approved unless affirmatively rejected by a majority of
1245 either house not later than thirty days after the filing with the clerk of
1246 that chamber, provided the thirty-day period shall not begin or expire
1247 unless the General Assembly is in regular session. Once approved by
1248 the General Assembly, any provision of an agreement or award need
1249 not be resubmitted by the parties to such agreement or award as part
1250 of a future agreement approval process unless changes in the language
1251 of such provision are negotiated by the parties.

1252 Sec. 18. Section 17b-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1253 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1254 The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the
1255 Office of Early Childhood may accept and receive, on behalf of the
1256 [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood or on behalf
1257 of the Children's Trust Fund, established pursuant to section 17b-751,
1258 as amended by this act, any bequest or gift of personal property for
1259 services for a person who is, or members of whose immediate family
1260 are, receiving assistance or services from the [Department of Social
1261 Services, or both,] office or for services for a former recipient of
1262 assistance from the Department of Social Services or a potential

1263 recipient of assistance from the [Department of Social Services] office
1264 or for programs or services described in section 17b-751, as amended
1265 by this act. Any federal funds generated by virtue of any such bequest
1266 or gift may be used for the extension of services to such person or
1267 family members.

1268 Sec. 19. Section 17b-730 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1269 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1270 (a) [The] Until June 30, 2014, the Commissioner of Social Services
1271 [is] and the executive director of the Office of Early Childhood are
1272 authorized to take advantage of any federal statutes and regulations
1273 relating to child day care and shall have the power to administer any
1274 federally-assisted child day care program in the event that said federal
1275 statutes or regulations require that [said] the federally-assisted
1276 program be administered by a single state agency.

1277 (b) On and after July 1, 2014, the executive director shall succeed the
1278 commissioner for the purposes of taking advantage of federal statutes
1279 and regulations and administering such child care programs pursuant
1280 to subsection (a) of this section.

1281 [(b)] (c) The Commissioner of Social Services [is] and the executive
1282 director of the Office of Early Childhood are authorized to take
1283 advantage of Title V of Public Law 88-452, entitled "Economic
1284 Opportunity Act of 1964", with respect to providing work training, aid
1285 and assistance to persons eligible for state-administered general
1286 assistance or public assistance, and to administer the same in such
1287 manner as is required for the receipt of federal funds therefor.

1288 Sec. 20. Section 17b-733 of the 2014 supplement to the general
1289 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1290 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1291 The [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood shall
1292 be the lead agency for child day care services in Connecticut. The

1293 [department] office shall: (1) Identify, annually, existing child day care
1294 services and maintain an inventory of all available services; (2) provide
1295 technical assistance to corporations and private agencies in the
1296 development and expansion of child day care services for families at
1297 all income levels, including families of their employees and clients; (3)
1298 study and identify funding sources available for child day care
1299 including federal funds and tax benefits; (4) study the cost and
1300 availability of liability insurance for child day care providers; (5)
1301 [provide, in conjunction with the Departments of Education and
1302 Higher Education, ongoing training for child day care providers
1303 including preparing videotaped workshops and distributing them to
1304 cable stations for broadcast on public access stations, and seek private
1305 donations to fund such training; (6)] encourage child day care services
1306 to obtain accreditation; [(7)] (6) develop a range of financing options
1307 for child care services, including the use of a tax-exempt bond
1308 program, a loan guarantee program and establishing a direct revolving
1309 loan program; [(8)] (7) promote the colocation of child day care and
1310 school readiness programs pursuant to section 4b-31; [(9)] (8) establish
1311 a performance-based evaluation system; [(10)] (9) develop for
1312 recommendation to the Governor and the General Assembly measures
1313 to provide incentives for the private sector to develop and support
1314 expanded child day care services; [(11)] (10) provide, within available
1315 funds and in conjunction with the temporary family assistance
1316 program, as defined in section 17b-680, and administered by the
1317 Department of Social Services, child day care to public assistance
1318 recipients; [(12)] (11) develop and implement, with the assistance of the
1319 [Departments of Public Health, Social Services, Education, Higher
1320 Education, Children and Families, Economic and Community
1321 Development and Consumer Protection, a state-wide coordinated
1322 child day care and early childhood education training system (A) for
1323 child day care centers, group day care homes and family day care
1324 homes that provide child day care services, and (B)] Early Childhood
1325 Cabinet, established pursuant to section 10-16z, as amended by this
1326 act, a coordinated and comprehensive state-wide system of

1327 professional development for providers and staff of early childhood
1328 care and education programs, including child day care centers, group
1329 day care homes and family day care homes that provide child day care
1330 services, that makes available to such providers and their staff, within
1331 available appropriations, scholarship assistance, career counseling and
1332 training [,] and advancement in career ladders, as defined in section 4-
1333 124bb; [, through seamless articulation of levels of training, program
1334 accreditation support and other initiatives recommended by the
1335 Departments of Social Services, Education and Higher Education; (13)]
1336 (12) plan and implement a unit cost reimbursement system for state-
1337 funded child day care services such that, on and after January 1, 2008,
1338 any increase in reimbursement shall be based on a requirement that
1339 such centers meet the staff qualifications, as defined in subsection (b)
1340 of section 10-16p, as amended by this act; [(14)] (13) develop, within
1341 available funds, initiatives to increase compensation paid to child day
1342 care providers for educational opportunities, including, but not limited
1343 to, (A) incentives for educational advancement paid to persons
1344 employed by child day care centers receiving state or federal funds,
1345 and (B) support for the establishment and implementation by the
1346 Labor Commissioner of apprenticeship programs for child day care
1347 workers pursuant to sections 31-22m to 31-22q, inclusive, which
1348 programs shall be jointly administered by labor and management
1349 trustees; [(15)] (14) evaluate the effectiveness of any initiatives
1350 developed pursuant to subdivision [(14)] (13) of this section in
1351 improving staff retention rates and the quality of education and care
1352 provided to children; and [(16)] (15) report annually to the Governor
1353 and the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of
1354 section 11-4a, on the status of child day care in Connecticut. Such
1355 report shall include (A) an itemization of the allocation of state and
1356 federal funds for child care programs; (B) the number of children
1357 served under each program so funded; (C) the number and type of
1358 such programs, providers and support personnel; (D) state activities to
1359 encourage partnership between the public and private sectors; (E)
1360 average payments issued by the state for both part-time and full-time

1361 child care; (F) range of family income and percentages served within
1362 each range by such programs; and (G) age range of children served.

1363 Sec. 21. Section 17b-734 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1364 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1365 The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the
1366 Office of Early Childhood shall establish and administer a program of
1367 grants to municipalities and state agencies for the purpose of planning,
1368 site preparation, construction, renovation or acquisition of facilities for
1369 use as child care facilities to be used primarily by the children of
1370 employees of such municipalities or state agencies and other potential
1371 participants. If openings occur for other potential participants in such a
1372 child care facility, priority for such openings shall be given to families
1373 at or below seventy-five per cent of the state's median income.

1374 Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 17b-735 of the general statutes is
1375 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1376 *1, 2014*):

1377 (a) For the purposes described in section 17b-734, as amended by
1378 this act, and for the payment of any administrative expenses of the
1379 [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood related
1380 thereto the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to
1381 time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more
1382 series and principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate six million
1383 twenty-four thousand seven hundred ninety-eight dollars, provided
1384 one million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2000.

1385 Sec. 23. Section 17b-736 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1386 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1387 The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the
1388 Office of Early Childhood shall adopt regulations in accordance with
1389 chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of sections 17b-734 and 17b-735, as
1390 amended by this act.

1391 Sec. 24. Section 17b-737 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1392 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1393 The Commissioner of [Social Services] Education shall establish a
1394 program, within available appropriations, to provide grants to
1395 municipalities, boards of education and child care providers to
1396 encourage the use of school facilities for the provision of child day care
1397 services before and after school. In order to qualify for a grant, a
1398 municipality, board of education or child care provider shall guarantee
1399 the availability of a school site which meets the standards set on or
1400 before June 30, 2014, by the Department of Public Health and on and
1401 after July 1, 2014, by the Office of Early Childhood in regulations
1402 adopted under sections 19a-77, as amended by this act, 19a-79, as
1403 amended by this act, 19a-80, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-
1404 87a, inclusive, as amended by this act, and shall agree to provide
1405 liability insurance coverage for the program. Grant funds shall be used
1406 by the municipality, board of education or child care provider for the
1407 maintenance and utility costs directly attributable to the use of the
1408 school facility for the day care program, for related transportation costs
1409 and for the portion of the municipality, board of education or child
1410 care provider liability insurance cost and other operational costs
1411 directly attributable to the day care program. The municipality or
1412 board of education may contract with a child day care provider for the
1413 program. The Commissioner of [Social Services] Education may adopt
1414 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for
1415 purposes of this section. The commissioner may utilize available child
1416 care subsidies to implement the provisions of this section and
1417 encourage association and cooperation with the Head Start program
1418 established pursuant to section 10-16n, as amended by this act.

1419 Sec. 25. Section 17b-738 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1420 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1421 The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the
1422 Office of Early Childhood shall establish and administer a program of

1423 loans to business firms, as defined in subsection (a) of section 12-631,
1424 for the purpose of planning, site preparation, construction, renovation
1425 or acquisition of facilities, within the state, for use as licensed child day
1426 care centers, family day care homes or group day care homes to be
1427 used primarily by the children of employees of such corporations and
1428 children of employees of the municipalities in which such facilities are
1429 located. Such loans shall be made in accordance with the terms and
1430 conditions as provided in regulations adopted by the [Commissioner
1431 of Social Services] executive director, in accordance with chapter 54,
1432 shall be made for a period not to exceed five years and shall bear
1433 interest at a rate to be determined in accordance with subsection (t) of
1434 section 3-20.

1435 Sec. 26. Section 17b-739 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1436 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1437 Whenever the state (1) constructs, acquires or receives as a gift any
1438 office building which accommodates three hundred or more state
1439 employees, or (2) alters, repairs or makes additions to an existing state
1440 building which accommodates three hundred or more employees and
1441 such alterations, repairs or additions affect at least twenty-five per cent
1442 of the square footage of such building, the Department of
1443 Administrative Services shall notify the [Department of Social
1444 Services] Office of Early Childhood. The [Department of Social
1445 Services] office, with the assistance of the Department of
1446 Administrative Services, shall determine the need for child care
1447 services for the employees in such building and other potential
1448 participants. If a demonstrated need for child care exists for thirty or
1449 more children of such employees and other potential participants and
1450 such care is unavailable, the Department of Administrative Services
1451 shall set aside adequate space for child care facilities in such building.
1452 If openings occur for other potential participants in such a child care
1453 facility, priority for such openings shall be given to families at or below
1454 seventy-five per cent of the state's median income. Such facilities shall
1455 meet all state licensure requirements. The provisions of this section

1456 shall not apply to correctional institutions.

1457 Sec. 27. Section 17b-749 of the 2014 supplement to the general
1458 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1459 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1460 (a) The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the
1461 Office of Early Childhood shall establish and operate a child care
1462 subsidy program to increase the availability, affordability and quality
1463 of child care services for families with a parent or caretaker who is
1464 working, attending high school or who receives cash assistance under
1465 the temporary family assistance program from the Department of
1466 Social Services and is participating in an approved education, training,
1467 or other job preparation activity. Services available under the child
1468 care program shall include the provision of child care subsidies for
1469 children under the age of thirteen or children under the age of nineteen
1470 with special needs. The [department] Office of Early Childhood shall
1471 open and maintain enrollment for the child care subsidy program and
1472 shall administer such program within the existing budgetary resources
1473 available. The [department] office shall issue a notice on the
1474 [department's] office's Internet web site and shall provide written
1475 notice to recipients of program benefits and to service providers any
1476 time the [department] office closes the program to new applications,
1477 changes eligibility requirements, changes program benefits or makes
1478 any other change to the program's status or terms, provided the
1479 [department] office shall not be required to issue such notice when the
1480 [department] office expands program eligibility. Any change in the
1481 [department's] office's acceptance of new applications, eligibility
1482 requirements, program benefits or any other change to the program's
1483 status or terms for which the [department] office is required to give
1484 notice pursuant to this subsection, shall not be effective until thirty
1485 days after the [department] office issues such notice.

1486 (b) The [commissioner] executive director shall establish income
1487 standards for applicants and recipients at a level to include a family

1488 with gross income up to fifty per cent of the state-wide median
1489 income, except the [commissioner] executive director (1) may increase
1490 the income level to up to seventy-five per cent of the state-wide
1491 median income, (2) upon the request of the Commissioner of Children
1492 and Families, may waive the income standards for adoptive families so
1493 that children adopted on or after October 1, 1999, from the Department
1494 of Children and Families are eligible for the child care subsidy
1495 program, and (3) on and after March 1, 2003, shall reduce the income
1496 eligibility level to up to fifty-five per cent of the state-wide median
1497 income for applicants and recipients who qualify based on their loss of
1498 eligibility for temporary family assistance. The [commissioner]
1499 executive director may adopt regulations in accordance with chapter
1500 54 to establish income criteria and durational requirements for such
1501 waiver of income standards.

1502 (c) The [commissioner] executive director, in conjunction with the
1503 Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish eligibility and
1504 program standards including, but not limited to: (1) A priority intake
1505 and eligibility system with preference given to serving recipients of
1506 temporary family assistance who are employed or engaged in
1507 employment activities under the [department's] Department of Social
1508 Services' "Jobs First" program, working families whose temporary
1509 family assistance was discontinued not more than five years prior to
1510 the date of application for the child care subsidy program, teen
1511 parents, low-income working families, adoptive families of children
1512 who were adopted from the Department of Children and Families and
1513 who are granted a waiver of income standards under subdivision (2) of
1514 subsection (b), and working families who are at risk of welfare
1515 dependency; (2) health and safety standards for child care providers
1516 not required to be licensed; (3) a reimbursement system for child care
1517 services which account for differences in the age of the child, number
1518 of children in the family, the geographic region and type of care
1519 provided by licensed and unlicensed caregivers, the cost and type of
1520 services provided by licensed and unlicensed caregivers, successful

1521 completion of fifteen hours of annual in-service training or
1522 credentialing of child care directors and administrators, and program
1523 accreditation; (4) supplemental payment for special needs of the child
1524 and extended nontraditional hours; (5) an annual rate review process
1525 for providers which assures that reimbursement rates are maintained
1526 at levels which permit equal access to a variety of child care settings;
1527 (6) a sliding reimbursement scale for participating families; (7) an
1528 administrative appeals process; (8) an administrative hearing process
1529 to adjudicate cases of alleged fraud and abuse and to impose sanctions
1530 and recover overpayments; (9) an extended period of program and
1531 payment eligibility when a parent who is receiving a child care
1532 subsidy experiences a temporary interruption in employment or other
1533 approved activity; and (10) a waiting list for the child care subsidy
1534 program that reflects the priority and eligibility system set forth in
1535 subdivision (1) of this subsection, which is reviewed periodically, with
1536 the inclusion of this information in the annual report required to be
1537 issued annually by the [Department of Social Services] office to the
1538 Governor and the General Assembly in accordance with subdivision
1539 [(10)] (9) of section 17b-733, as amended by this act. Such action will
1540 include, but not be limited to, family income, age of child, region of
1541 state and length of time on such waiting list.

1542 (d) (1) Not later than January 1, 2011, an applicant determined to be
1543 eligible for program benefits shall remain eligible for such benefits for
1544 a period of not less than eight months from the date that such
1545 applicant is determined to be eligible, provided the commissioner has
1546 not determined, during such eight-month period, that the applicant's
1547 circumstances have changed so as to render the applicant ineligible for
1548 program benefits. The commissioner shall not make an eligibility
1549 determination for a recipient of program benefits more than one time
1550 per eight-month period, except as provided in subsection (f) of this
1551 section.

1552 (2) On and after July 1, 2014, the executive director shall succeed the
1553 commissioner for the purpose of making the eligibility determinations

1554 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

1555 (e) Within available appropriations, a recipient of program benefits
1556 who takes unpaid leave from such recipient's employment due to the
1557 birth or impending birth of a child shall be granted not more than six
1558 weeks of payment eligibility during the leave if: (1) The recipient
1559 intends to return to work at the end of the unpaid leave; (2) the
1560 recipient verifies that eligibility is needed to prevent the loss of a slot
1561 in a school-based program or licensed child care setting; and (3) the
1562 child receiving child care services under the program continues to
1563 attend the program during the recipient's leave.

1564 (f) (1) Not later than October 15, 2011, the commissioner shall
1565 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to
1566 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
1567 cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations
1568 [and the budgets of state agencies] concerning eligibility
1569 redeterminations made on an eight-month basis. Such report shall
1570 include an analysis of overpayments of program benefits made by the
1571 department and administrative costs incurred by the department as a
1572 result of eligibility redeterminations made on an eight-month basis. On
1573 and after October 15, 2011, and until June 30, 2014, the commissioner
1574 may make eligibility redeterminations on a six-month basis if, after
1575 January 1, 2011, the department's overpayments of program benefits
1576 have increased in comparison with the period between January 1, 2010,
1577 and December 31, 2010, as a result of having an eight-month eligibility
1578 redetermination period.

1579 (2) On and after July 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the executive
1580 director shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
1581 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General
1582 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
1583 appropriations concerning eligibility redeterminations made on an
1584 eight-month basis. Such report shall include an analysis of
1585 overpayments of program benefits made by the office and

1586 administrative costs incurred by the office as a result of eligibility
1587 redeterminations made on an eight-month basis. On and after July 1,
1588 2014, the executive director may make eligibility redeterminations on a
1589 six-month basis if the office's overpayments of program benefits have
1590 increased in comparison with the period between January 1, 2010, and
1591 December 31, 2010, as a result of having an eight-month eligibility
1592 redetermination period.

1593 (g) A provider under the child care subsidy program that qualifies
1594 for eligibility and subsequently receives payment for child care
1595 services for recipients under this section shall be reimbursed for such
1596 services until informed by the [Department of Social Services] office of
1597 the recipient's ineligibility.

1598 (h) All licensed child care providers and those providers exempt
1599 from licensing shall provide the [Department of Social Services] office
1600 with the following information in order to maintain eligibility for
1601 reimbursement: (1) The name, address, appropriate identification,
1602 Social Security number and telephone number of the provider and all
1603 adults who work for or reside at the location where care is provided;
1604 (2) the name and address of the child's doctor, primary care provider
1605 and health insurance company; (3) whether the child is immunized
1606 and has had health screens pursuant to the federal Early and Periodic
1607 Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services Program under 42 USC
1608 1396d; and (4) the number of children cared for by the provider.

1609 (i) On or after [January 1, 1998] July 1, 2014, the [commissioner]
1610 executive director shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
1611 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

1612 (j) The [commissioner] executive director shall submit to the joint
1613 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1614 matters relating to human services and appropriations [and the
1615 budgets of state agencies] a copy of the Child Care and Development
1616 Fund Plan that the [commissioner] executive director submits to the

1617 Administration for Children and Families pursuant to federal law. The
1618 copy of the plan shall be submitted to the committees not later than
1619 thirty days after submission of the plan to the Administration for
1620 Children and Families.

1621 Sec. 28. Section 17b-749a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1622 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1623 (a) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office
1624 of Early Childhood shall establish, within available appropriations, a
1625 program to (1) purchase directly or provide subsidies to parents to
1626 purchase child day care services provided by any elementary or
1627 secondary school, nursery school, preschool, day care center, group
1628 day care home, family day care home, family resource center, Head
1629 Start program, or local or regional board of education, provided, if the
1630 [commissioner] executive director purchases such services directly, he
1631 or she shall give preference to purchasing from providers of full-day
1632 and year-round programs; and (2) award grants to providers of school
1633 readiness programs, as defined in section 10-16p, as amended by this
1634 act, to increase the hours of operation of their programs in order to
1635 provide child care for children attending such programs. The
1636 [commissioner] executive director, for purposes of subdivision (1) of
1637 this subsection, may model the program on the program established
1638 pursuant to section 17b-749, as amended by this act.

1639 (b) No funds received by a provider pursuant to this section shall be
1640 used to supplant federal funding received for early childhood
1641 education on behalf of children in an early childhood education
1642 program.

1643 (c) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director shall: (1)
1644 Coordinate the development of a range of alternative programs to
1645 meet the needs of all children; (2) foster partnerships between school
1646 districts and private organizations; (3) provide information and
1647 assistance to parents in selecting an appropriate school readiness

1648 program; and (4) work to ensure, to the extent possible, that school
1649 readiness programs allow open enrollment for all children and allow
1650 families receiving benefits for such a program to choose a public or
1651 accredited private program.

1652 Sec. 29. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 17b-749c of the general
1653 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1654 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1655 (a) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office
1656 of Early Childhood shall establish a program, within available
1657 appropriations, to provide, on a competitive basis, supplemental
1658 quality enhancement grants to providers of child day care services or
1659 providers of school readiness programs pursuant to section 10-16p, as
1660 amended by this act, and section 10-16u, as amended by this act. Child
1661 day care providers and school readiness programs may apply for a
1662 supplemental quality enhancement grant at such time and on such
1663 form as the [Commissioner of Education] executive director prescribes.
1664 Effective July 1, [2011] 2014, the [commissioner] executive director
1665 shall make funds payable to providers under such grants on a
1666 prospective basis.

1667 (b) Priority for such grants shall be given to programs that are: (1)
1668 Included in a local school readiness plan; (2) full-day, year-round
1669 programs; and (3) accredited, as defined in subdivision (4) of
1670 subsection (a) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act.

1671 Sec. 30. Section 17b-749d of the general statutes is repealed and the
1672 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1673 Each licensed child day care provider receiving funding directly
1674 from the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood
1675 shall adopt a sliding fee scale based on family income. The
1676 [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the Office of
1677 Early Childhood shall develop a minimum sliding fee scale which may
1678 be adjusted upward by each such licensed day care program. All

1679 income derived from such fees shall be used to support the child day
1680 care program.

1681 Sec. 31. Section 17b-749e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1682 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1683 The [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood shall
1684 establish and fund five regional accreditation projects, within available
1685 appropriations. The [department] office shall select qualified
1686 applicants for each region through a request for proposal process. The
1687 [department] office shall give priority to child day care facilities where
1688 at least twenty per cent of the children live with families earning less
1689 than seventy-five per cent of the state median income level.

1690 Sec. 32. Section 17b-749f of the general statutes is repealed and the
1691 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1692 (a) The [Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the
1693 Commissioner of Education,] executive director of the Office of Early
1694 Childhood shall develop and implement a performance-based
1695 evaluation system to evaluate licensed child day care centers, within
1696 available appropriations. Such a performance-based evaluation system
1697 shall be similar to the Head Start Performance Standards in 45 CFR
1698 1304.

1699 (b) The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director shall
1700 conduct, within available appropriations, a longitudinal study that
1701 examines the developmental progress of children and their families
1702 both during and following participation in a child day care program.

1703 (c) The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director shall
1704 report to the General Assembly, in accordance with section 11-4a, on or
1705 before January 1, [1998] 2015, on the implementation of the
1706 performance-based evaluation system and on the longitudinal study,
1707 and annually thereafter on the cumulative results of the evaluations.

1708 Sec. 33. Section 17b-749g of the general statutes is repealed and the
1709 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1710 (a) There is established a child care facilities loan guarantee
1711 program for the purpose of guaranteeing loans for the expansion or
1712 development of child care and child development centers in the state.
1713 The program shall contain any moneys required by law to be
1714 deposited in the program, including, but not limited to, any moneys
1715 appropriated by the state, premiums and fees for guaranteeing loans,
1716 and proceeds from the sale, disposition, lease or rental of collateral
1717 relating to loan guarantees. Any balance remaining in the program at
1718 the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the program for
1719 the fiscal year next succeeding. The program shall be used to guarantee
1720 loans pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and to pay reasonable
1721 and necessary expenses incurred for administration under this section.
1722 The [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of
1723 Early Childhood may enter into a contract with a quasi-public agency,
1724 banking institution or nonprofit corporation to provide for the
1725 administration of the program, provided no loan guarantee shall be
1726 made from the program without the authorization of the
1727 [commissioner] executive director as provided in subsection (b) of this
1728 section. The total aggregate amount of guarantees from the program,
1729 with respect to the insured portions of the loan, may not exceed at any
1730 one time an amount equal to three times the balance in the guarantee
1731 program.

1732 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the [Commissioner of
1733 Education] executive director, may guarantee the repayment of loans,
1734 including, but not limited to, principal and interest, to a lending
1735 institution that has provided funding for the construction,
1736 reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement of child care and child
1737 development facilities. The total aggregate of any loan guarantee
1738 under this section shall be not less than twenty per cent and shall not
1739 exceed fifty per cent of the principal amount of the obligation, as
1740 determined by approved underwriting standards approved by the

1741 [commissioner] executive director, and upon such terms and
1742 conditions as the [commissioner] executive director may prescribe. The
1743 term of any loan guarantee shall be determined by the useful life of the
1744 improvement but in no event shall exceed thirty years. The
1745 [commissioner] executive director shall arrange by contract with each
1746 lending institution or the borrower to safeguard the interests of the
1747 program in the event of a default by the borrower, including, at the
1748 discretion of the [commissioner] executive director, provision for
1749 notice to the program of default by the borrower, for foreclosure or
1750 other realization upon any security for the loan, for the time and
1751 conditions for payment to the lending institution by the program of the
1752 amount of any loss to the lending institution guaranteed by the
1753 program and for the disposition of the proceeds realized from any
1754 security for the loan guaranteed. When it appears desirable for a
1755 temporary period upon default or threatened default by the borrower,
1756 the [commissioner] executive director may authorize payments of
1757 installments of principal or interest, or both, from the program to the
1758 lending institution, and of taxes and insurance, which payments shall
1759 be repaid under such conditions as the program may prescribe and the
1760 program may also agree to revise terms of financing when such
1761 appears pertinent. Upon request of the lending institution, the
1762 [commissioner] executive director may at any time, under such
1763 equitable terms and conditions as it may prescribe, consent to the
1764 release of the borrower from his liability under the loan or consent to
1765 the release of parts of any secured property from the lien of the
1766 lending institution.

1767 (c) Priority for loan guarantees shall be given to financing child care
1768 centers and child development centers that (1) have obtained
1769 accreditation from the National Association for the Education of
1770 Young Children or have an application pending for such accreditation,
1771 and (2) are included in a local school readiness plan, and (3) shall
1772 promote the colocation of programs endorsed by the [Commissioners
1773 of Education and Social Services] executive director pursuant to

1774 section 4b-31. School readiness programs, licensed child care providers
1775 or nonprofit developers of a child care center operating under a legally
1776 enforceable agreement with child care providers are eligible for such
1777 guaranteed loans.

1778 (d) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director may adopt
1779 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
1780 establish procedures and qualifications for application for guarantees
1781 under this section.

1782 Sec. 34. Section 17b-749h of the general statutes is repealed and the
1783 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1784 (a) There is established a program to be known as the "child care
1785 facilities direct revolving loan program". The program shall contain
1786 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the program,
1787 including, but not limited to, any moneys appropriated by the state,
1788 premiums, fees, interest payments and principal payments on direct
1789 loans and proceeds from the sale, disposition, lease or rental of
1790 collateral relating to direct loans. Any balance remaining in the
1791 program at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the
1792 program for the next succeeding fiscal year. The program shall be used
1793 to make loans pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, to make loan
1794 guarantees and to pay reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in
1795 administering loans and loan guarantees under this section. The
1796 [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of Early
1797 Childhood may enter into a contract with a quasi-public agency,
1798 banking institution or nonprofit corporation to provide for the
1799 administration of the loan program, provided no loan or loan
1800 guarantee shall be made from the fund without the authorization of
1801 the [commissioner] executive director as provided in subsection (b) of
1802 this section.

1803 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the [Commissioner of
1804 Education] executive director, may enter into a contract to provide

1805 financial assistance in the form of interest-free loans, deferred loans or
1806 guaranteed loans to child care providers or to nonprofit developers of
1807 a child care facility operating under a legally enforceable agreement
1808 with a child care provider, for costs or expenses incurred and directly
1809 connected with the expansion, improvement or development of child
1810 care facilities. Such costs and expenses may include: (1) Advances of
1811 loan proceeds for direct loans; (2) expenses incurred in project
1812 planning and design, including architectural expenses; (3) legal and
1813 financial expenses; (4) expenses incurred in obtaining required permits
1814 and approvals; (5) options to purchase land; (6) expenses incurred in
1815 obtaining required insurance; (7) expenses incurred in meeting state
1816 and local child care standards; (8) minor renovations and upgrading
1817 child care facilities to meet such standards and loans for the purpose of
1818 obtaining licensure under section 19a-77, as amended by this act; (9)
1819 purchase and installation of equipment, machinery and furniture,
1820 including equipment needed to accommodate children with special
1821 needs; and (10) other preliminary expenses authorized by the
1822 [commissioner] executive director. Loan proceeds shall not be used for
1823 the refinancing of existing loans, working capital, supplies or
1824 inventory.

1825 (c) The amount of a direct loan under this section may be up to
1826 eighty per cent of the total amount of investment but shall not exceed
1827 twenty-five thousand dollars for such facility as determined by the
1828 [commissioner] executive director except [that] if an applicant for a
1829 loan under this section has an existing loan that is guaranteed by the
1830 child care facilities loan guarantee program, established under section
1831 17b-749g, as amended by this act, the direct loan provided under this
1832 section shall not exceed twenty per cent of the investment. The amount
1833 of any guarantee and a direct loan under this section shall not exceed
1834 eighty per cent.

1835 (d) Each provider applying for a loan under this section shall submit
1836 an application, on a form provided by the [commissioner] executive
1837 director that shall include, but is not limited to, the following

1838 information: (1) A detailed description of the proposed or existing
1839 child care facility; (2) an itemization of known and estimated costs; (3)
1840 the total amount of investment required to expand or develop the child
1841 care facility; (4) the funds available to the applicant without financial
1842 assistance from the [department] office; (5) the amount of financial
1843 assistance sought from the [department] office; (6) information relating
1844 to the financial status of the applicant, including, if available, a current
1845 balance sheet, a profit and loss statement and credit references; and (7)
1846 evidence that the loan applicant shall, as of the loan closing, own, have
1847 an option to purchase or have a lease for the term of the loan. Security
1848 for the loan may include an assignment of the lease or other
1849 subordination of any mortgage and the borrower shall be in default if
1850 the loan is not used for the intended purpose.

1851 (e) Payments of principal and interest on such loans shall be paid to
1852 the State Treasurer for deposit in the child care facilities direct
1853 revolving loan program established in subsection (a) of this section.

1854 (f) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director may adopt
1855 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the provisions
1856 of this section. Such regulations may clarify loan procedures,
1857 repayment terms, security requirements, default and remedy
1858 provisions, and such other terms and conditions as [said
1859 commissioner] the executive director shall deem appropriate.

1860 Sec. 35. Section 17b-749i of the general statutes is repealed and the
1861 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1862 Within appropriations available to the State Treasurer for child care
1863 facilities, not already allocated toward debt service for specific child
1864 care facilities, the [Commissioner of Education] executive director of
1865 the Office of Early Childhood may, upon submission of a request by a
1866 facility operating a child care program that is financed with tax-exempt
1867 or taxable bonds issued through the Connecticut Health and
1868 Educational Facilities Authority, allow actual debt service, comprised

1869 of principal, interest and premium, if any, on the loan or loans, a debt
1870 service reserve fund and a reasonable repair and replacement reserve
1871 to be paid, provided such debt service terms and amounts are
1872 determined by the [commissioner] executive director, at the time the
1873 loan is entered into, to be reasonable in relation to the useful life and
1874 base value of the property.

1875 Sec. 36. Section 17b-749j of the general statutes is repealed and the
1876 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1877 The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the
1878 Office of Early Childhood shall establish health and safety standards,
1879 within available appropriations, for the child care subsidy program.
1880 The [commissioner] executive director shall adopt regulations, in
1881 accordance with chapter 54, which shall include, but not be limited to,
1882 the following: (1) A requirement for the provider or relative to apply
1883 for reimbursement from the [Department of Social Services] Office of
1884 Early Childhood; (2) a requirement for the provider or relative to
1885 provide reasonable confirmation of physical premises safety pursuant
1886 to 45 CFR Part 98.41; and (3) minimum health and safety training
1887 appropriate to the provider setting and the prevention and control of
1888 infectious diseases, including immunization. The [commissioner]
1889 executive director shall, within available appropriations, distribute
1890 information on the availability of health and safety training and
1891 assistance.

1892 Sec. 37. Section 17b-749k of the general statutes is repealed and the
1893 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1894 (a) The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the
1895 Office of Early Childhood shall, within available appropriations,
1896 require any person, other than a relative, providing child care services
1897 to a child in the child's home who receives a child care subsidy from
1898 the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood to
1899 submit to state and national criminal history records checks. The

1900 criminal history records checks required pursuant to this subsection
1901 shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a. The
1902 [commissioner] executive director shall also request a check of the state
1903 child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k.

1904 (b) The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director shall
1905 have the discretion to refuse payments for child care under any
1906 financial assistance program administered by him or her if the person
1907 providing such child care has been convicted in this state or any other
1908 state of a felony, as defined in section 53a-25, involving the use,
1909 attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another
1910 person, of cruelty to persons under section 53-20, injury or risk of
1911 injury to or impairing morals of children under section 53-21,
1912 abandonment of children under the age of six years under section 53-
1913 23 or any felony where the victim of the felony is a child under
1914 eighteen years of age, or of a violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-
1915 70b, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, or has a criminal record or
1916 was the subject of a substantiated report of child abuse in this state or
1917 any other state that the [commissioner] executive director reasonably
1918 believes renders the person unsuitable to provide child care.

1919 Sec. 38. Section 17b-750 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1920 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1921 No child care subsidy shall be paid to an unlicensed child care
1922 provider if such provider has been convicted of any crime involving
1923 sexual assault of a minor or serious physical injury to a minor or any
1924 crime committed in any other state or jurisdiction the essential
1925 elements of which are substantially the same as such crimes. If the
1926 [commissioner] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood has
1927 reason to believe that a provider of child care services has been so
1928 convicted, the [commissioner] executive director may demand that
1929 such provider be subject to state and national criminal history records
1930 checks. If criminal history records checks are required pursuant to this
1931 section, such checks shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-

1932 17a.

1933 Sec. 39. Section 17b-751a of the 2014 supplement to the general
1934 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1935 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1936 A grandparent or other relative caregiver who is appointed a
1937 guardian of a child or children through the Superior Court and who is
1938 not a recipient of subsidized guardianship subsidies under section 17a-
1939 126 or foster care payments from the Department of Children and
1940 Families shall, within available appropriations, be eligible to apply for
1941 grants under the Kinship Fund and Grandparents and Relatives
1942 Respite Fund administered by the [Department of Social Services]
1943 Office of Early Childhood through the Probate Court.

1944 Sec. 40. Section 17b-751d of the 2014 supplement to the general
1945 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1946 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1947 [(a) The Department of Social Services] The Office of Early
1948 Childhood shall be the lead state agency for community-based,
1949 prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen
1950 and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect. The
1951 responsibilities of the [department] office shall include, but not be
1952 limited to, collaborating with state agencies, hospitals, clinics, schools
1953 and community service organizations, to: (1) Initiate programs to
1954 support families at risk for child abuse or neglect; (2) assist
1955 organizations to recognize child abuse and neglect; (3) encourage
1956 community safety; (4) increase broad-based efforts to prevent child
1957 abuse and neglect; (5) create a network of agencies to advance child
1958 abuse and neglect prevention; and (6) increase public awareness of
1959 child abuse and neglect issues. The [department] office, subject to
1960 available state, federal and private funding, shall be responsible for
1961 implementing and maintaining programs and services, including, but
1962 not limited to: (A) The Nurturing Families Network, established

1963 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 17b-751b; (B) Family
1964 Empowerment Initiative programs; (C) Help Me Grow; (D) [the
1965 Kinship Fund and Grandparent's Respite Fund; (E)] Family School
1966 Connection; [(F)] (E) support services for residents of a respite group
1967 home for girls; [(G)] legal services on behalf of indigent children; (H)]
1968 (F) volunteer services; [(I)] (G) family development training; [(J)] (H)
1969 shaken baby syndrome prevention; and [(K)] (I) child sexual abuse
1970 prevention.

1971 [(b) Not later than sixty days after October 5, 2009, the
1972 Commissioner of Social Services shall report, in accordance with
1973 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General
1974 Assembly, having cognizance of matters relating to human services
1975 and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies on the
1976 integration of the duties described in subsection (a) of this section into
1977 the department.]

1978 Sec. 41. Section 17b-751e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1979 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1980 Any order, regulation or contract of the [Children's Trust Fund
1981 Council agency] the Department of Social Services that is in force on
1982 [September 1, 2009] July 1, 2014, shall continue in force and effect as an
1983 order, regulation or contract of the [Department of Social Services]
1984 Office of Early Childhood until amended, repealed or superseded
1985 pursuant to law.

1986 Sec. 42. Subdivision (11) of subsection (g) of section 17a-28 of the
1987 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following
1988 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1989 (11) The [Department of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood
1990 for the purpose of (A) determining the suitability of a person to care
1991 for children in a facility licensed pursuant to section 19a-77, as
1992 amended by this act, 19a-80, as amended by this act, or 19a-87b, as
1993 amended by this act; (B) determining the suitability of such person for

1994 licensure; or (C) an investigation conducted pursuant to section 19a-
1995 80f, as amended by this act;

1996 Sec. 43. Section 19a-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1997 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1998 (a) As used in sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by
1999 this act, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this
2000 act, "child day care services" shall include:

2001 (1) A "child day care center" which offers or provides a program of
2002 supplementary care to more than twelve related or unrelated children
2003 outside their own homes on a regular basis;

2004 (2) A "group day care home" which offers or provides a program of
2005 supplementary care (A) to not less than seven or more than twelve
2006 related or unrelated children on a regular basis, or (B) that meets the
2007 definition of a family day care home except that it operates in a facility
2008 other than a private family home;

2009 (3) A "family day care home" which consists of a private family
2010 home caring for not more than six children, including the provider's
2011 own children not in school full time, where the children are cared for
2012 not less than three or more than twelve hours during a twenty-four-
2013 hour period and where care is given on a regularly recurring basis
2014 except that care may be provided in excess of twelve hours but not
2015 more than seventy-two consecutive hours to accommodate a need for
2016 extended care or intermittent short-term overnight care. During the
2017 regular school year, a maximum of three additional children who are
2018 in school full time, including the provider's own children, shall be
2019 permitted, except that if the provider has more than three children
2020 who are in school full time, all of the provider's children shall be
2021 permitted;

2022 (4) "Night care" means the care provided for one or more hours
2023 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.;

2024 (5) "Year-round" program means a program open at least fifty
2025 weeks per year.

2026 (b) For licensing requirement purposes, child day care services shall
2027 not include such services which are:

2028 (1) (A) Administered by a public school system, or (B) administered
2029 by a municipal agency or department and located in a public school
2030 building;

2031 (2) Administered by a private school which is in compliance with
2032 section 10-188 and is approved by the State Board of Education or is
2033 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of
2034 Education;

2035 (3) Classes in music, dance, drama and art that are no longer than
2036 two hours in length; classes that teach a single skill that are no longer
2037 than two hours in length; library programs that are no longer than two
2038 hours in length; scouting; programs that offer exclusively sports
2039 activities; rehearsals; academic tutoring programs; or programs
2040 exclusively for children thirteen years of age or older;

2041 (4) Informal arrangements among neighbors and formal or informal
2042 arrangements among relatives in their own homes, provided the
2043 relative is limited to any of the following degrees of kinship by blood
2044 or marriage to the child being cared for or to the child's parent: Child,
2045 grandchild, sibling, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle or child of one's aunt or
2046 uncle;

2047 (5) Drop-in supplementary child care operations for educational or
2048 recreational purposes and the child receives such care infrequently
2049 where the parents are on the premises;

2050 (6) Drop-in supplementary child care operations in retail
2051 establishments where the parents remain in the same store as the child
2052 for retail shopping, provided the drop-in supplementary child-care

2053 operation does not charge a fee and does not refer to itself as a child
2054 day care center;

2055 (7) Drop-in programs administered by a nationally chartered boys'
2056 and girls' club;

2057 (8) Religious educational activities administered by a religious
2058 institution exclusively for children whose parents or legal guardians
2059 are members of such religious institution;

2060 (9) Administered by Solar Youth, Inc., a New Haven-based
2061 nonprofit youth development and environmental education
2062 organization, provided Solar Youth, Inc. informs the parents and legal
2063 guardians of any children enrolled in its programs that such programs
2064 are not licensed by the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early
2065 Childhood to provide child day care services;

2066 (10) Programs administered by organizations under contract with
2067 the Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-851a that
2068 promote the reduction of teenage pregnancy through the provision of
2069 services to persons who are ten to nineteen years of age, inclusive; or

2070 (11) Administered by the Cardinal Shehan Center, a Bridgeport-
2071 based nonprofit organization that is exclusively for school age
2072 children, provided the Cardinal Shehan Center informs the parents
2073 and legal guardians of any children enrolled in its programs that such
2074 programs are not licensed by the [Department of Public Health] Office
2075 of Early Childhood to provide child day care services.

2076 (c) No registrant or licensee of any child day care services as defined
2077 in subsection (a) of this section shall be issued an additional
2078 registration or license to provide any such services at the same facility.

2079 (d) When a licensee has vacated premises approved by the
2080 [department] office for the provision of child day care services and the
2081 landlord of such licensee establishes to the satisfaction of the

2082 [department] office that such licensee has no legal right or interest to
2083 such approved premises, the [department] office may make a
2084 determination with respect to an application for a new license for the
2085 provision of child day care services at such premises.

2086 Sec. 44. Section 19a-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2087 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2088 (a) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2089 Office of Early Childhood shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
2090 the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of sections 19a-
2091 77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87,
2092 inclusive, as amended by this act, and to assure that child day care
2093 centers and group day care homes shall meet the health, educational
2094 and social needs of children utilizing such child day care centers and
2095 group day care homes. Such regulations shall (1) specify that before
2096 being permitted to attend any child day care center or group day care
2097 home, each child shall be protected as age-appropriate by adequate
2098 immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis,
2099 measles, mumps, rubella, hemophilus influenzae type B and any other
2100 vaccine required by the schedule of active immunization adopted
2101 pursuant to section 19a-7f, including appropriate exemptions for
2102 children for whom such immunization is medically contraindicated
2103 and for children whose parents object to such immunization on
2104 religious grounds, (2) specify conditions under which child day care
2105 center directors and teachers and group day care home providers may
2106 administer tests to monitor glucose levels in a child with diagnosed
2107 diabetes mellitus, and administer medicinal preparations, including
2108 controlled drugs specified in the regulations by the [commissioner]
2109 executive director, to a child receiving child day care services at such
2110 child day care center or group day care home pursuant to the written
2111 order of a physician licensed to practice medicine or a dentist licensed
2112 to practice dental medicine in this or another state, or an advanced
2113 practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with
2114 section 20-94a, or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in

2115 accordance with section 20-12d, and the written authorization of a
2116 parent or guardian of such child, (3) specify that an operator of a child
2117 day care center or group day care home, licensed before January 1,
2118 1986, or an operator who receives a license after January 1, 1986, for a
2119 facility licensed prior to January 1, 1986, shall provide a minimum of
2120 thirty square feet per child of total indoor usable space, free of
2121 furniture except that needed for the children's purposes, exclusive of
2122 toilet rooms, bathrooms, coatrooms, kitchens, halls, isolation room or
2123 other rooms used for purposes other than the activities of the children,
2124 (4) specify that a child day care center or group day care home licensed
2125 after January 1, 1986, shall provide thirty-five square feet per child of
2126 total indoor usable space, (5) establish appropriate child day care
2127 center staffing requirements for employees certified in
2128 cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the American Red Cross, the
2129 American Heart Association, the National Safety Council, American
2130 Safety and Health Institute or Medic First Aid International, Inc., (6)
2131 specify that on and after January 1, 2003, a child day care center or
2132 group day care home (A) shall not deny services to a child on the basis
2133 of a child's known or suspected allergy or because a child has a
2134 prescription for an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or similar
2135 automatic injectable equipment used to treat an allergic reaction, or for
2136 injectable equipment used to administer glucagon, (B) shall, not later
2137 than three weeks after such child's enrollment in such a center or
2138 home, have staff trained in the use of such equipment on-site during
2139 all hours when such a child is on-site, (C) shall require such child's
2140 parent or guardian to provide the injector or injectable equipment and
2141 a copy of the prescription for such medication and injector or injectable
2142 equipment upon enrollment of such child, and (D) shall require a
2143 parent or guardian enrolling such a child to replace such medication
2144 and equipment prior to its expiration date, and (7) specify that on and
2145 after January 1, 2005, a child day care center or group day care home
2146 (A) shall not deny services to a child on the basis of a child's diagnosis
2147 of asthma or because a child has a prescription for an inhalant
2148 medication to treat asthma, and (B) shall, not later than three weeks

2149 after such child's enrollment in such a center or home, have staff
2150 trained in the administration of such medication on-site during all
2151 hours when such a child is on-site, and (8) establish physical plant
2152 requirements for licensed child day care centers and licensed group
2153 day care homes that exclusively serve school-age children. When
2154 establishing such requirements, the [department] Office of Early
2155 Childhood shall give consideration to child day care centers and group
2156 day care homes that are located in private or public school buildings.
2157 With respect to this subdivision only, the [commissioner] executive
2158 director shall implement policies and procedures necessary to
2159 implement the physical plant requirements established pursuant to
2160 this subdivision while in the process of adopting such policies and
2161 procedures in regulation form. Until replaced by policies and
2162 procedures implemented pursuant to this subdivision, any physical
2163 plant requirement specified in the [department's] office's regulations
2164 that is generally applicable to child day care centers and group day
2165 care homes shall continue to be applicable to such centers and group
2166 day care homes that exclusively serve school-age children. The
2167 [commissioner] executive director shall print notice of the intent to
2168 adopt regulations pursuant to this subdivision in the Connecticut Law
2169 Journal not later than twenty days after the date of implementation of
2170 such policies and procedures. Policies and procedures implemented
2171 pursuant to this subdivision shall be valid until the time final
2172 regulations are adopted.

2173 (b) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director may
2174 adopt regulations, pursuant to chapter 54, to establish civil penalties of
2175 not more than one hundred dollars per day for each day of violation
2176 and other disciplinary remedies that may be imposed, following a
2177 contested-case hearing, upon the holder of a license issued under
2178 section 19a-80, as amended by this act, to operate a child day care
2179 center or group day care home or upon the holder of a license issued
2180 under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, to operate a family day
2181 care home.

2182 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director shall
2183 exempt Montessori schools accredited by the American Montessori
2184 Society or the Association Montessori Internationale from any
2185 provision in regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this
2186 section which sets requirements on group size or child to staff ratios or
2187 the provision of cots.

2188 Sec. 45. Section 19a-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2189 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2190 (a) No person, group of persons, association, organization,
2191 corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a
2192 child day care center or group day care home without a license issued
2193 in accordance with sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by
2194 this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as amended by this act.
2195 Applications for such license shall be made to the [Commissioner of
2196 Public Health] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood on
2197 forms provided by the [commissioner] executive director and shall
2198 contain the information required by regulations adopted under said
2199 sections. The forms shall contain a notice that false statements made
2200 therein are punishable in accordance with section 53a-157b.

2201 (b) (1) Upon receipt of an application for a license, the
2202 [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director shall issue such
2203 license if, upon inspection and investigation, said [commissioner]
2204 executive director finds that the applicant, the facilities and the
2205 program meet the health, educational and social needs of children
2206 likely to attend the child day care center or group day care home and
2207 comply with requirements established by regulations adopted under
2208 sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and
2209 sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as amended by this act. The
2210 [commissioner] executive director shall offer an expedited application
2211 review process for an application submitted by a municipal agency or
2212 department. The [commissioner] executive director shall have
2213 discretion to determine whether a change of operator, ownership or

2214 location request from a currently licensed person or entity, as
2215 described in subsection (a) of this section, shall require the filing of a
2216 new license application from such person or entity. Each license shall
2217 be for a term of four years, shall be nontransferable, and may be
2218 renewed upon receipt by the [commissioner] executive director of a
2219 renewal application and accompanying licensure fee. The
2220 [commissioner] executive director may suspend or revoke such license
2221 after notice and an opportunity for a hearing as provided in section
2222 19a-84, as amended by this act, for violation of the regulations adopted
2223 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and
2224 sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as amended by this act.

2225 (2) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director shall
2226 collect from the licensee of a day care center a fee of five hundred
2227 dollars prior to issuing or renewing a license for a term of four years.
2228 The [commissioner] executive director shall collect from the licensee of
2229 a group day care home a fee of two hundred fifty dollars prior to
2230 issuing or renewing a license for a term of four years. The
2231 [commissioner] executive director shall require only one license for a
2232 child day care center operated in two or more buildings, provided the
2233 same licensee provides child day care services in each building and the
2234 buildings are joined together by a contiguous playground that is part
2235 of the licensed space.

2236 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director, within
2237 available appropriations, shall require each prospective employee of a
2238 child day care center or group day care home in a position requiring
2239 the provision of care to a child to submit to state and national criminal
2240 history records checks. The criminal history records checks required
2241 pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with
2242 section 29-17a. The [commissioner] executive director shall also request
2243 a check of the state child abuse registry established pursuant to section
2244 17a-101k. Pursuant to the interagency agreement provided for in
2245 section 10-16s, as amended by this act, the Department of Social
2246 Services may agree to transfer funds appropriated for criminal history

2247 records checks to the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early
2248 Childhood. The [commissioner] executive director shall notify each
2249 licensee of the provisions of this subsection.

2250 (d) The [commissioner] executive director shall inform each
2251 licensee, by way of a plain language summary provided not later than
2252 sixty days after the regulation's effective date, of new or changed
2253 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as
2254 amended by this act, or sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as
2255 amended by this act, with which a licensee must comply.

2256 Sec. 46. Section 19a-80f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2257 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2258 (a) As used in this section, "facility" means a child day care center, a
2259 group day care home and a family day care home, as defined in section
2260 19a-77, as amended by this act, and a youth camp, as defined in section
2261 19a-420.

2262 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
2263 Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's
2264 designee, shall provide to the [Department of Public Health] Office of
2265 Early Childhood all records concerning reports and investigations of
2266 child abuse or neglect that have been reported to, or are being
2267 investigated by, the Department of Children and Families pursuant to
2268 section 17a-101g, including records of any administrative hearing held
2269 pursuant to section 17a-101k: (1) Occurring at any facility, and (2) by
2270 any staff member or licensee of any facility and by any household
2271 member of any family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as
2272 amended by this act, irrespective of where the abuse or neglect
2273 occurred.

2274 (c) The Department of Children and Families and the [Department
2275 of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood shall jointly investigate
2276 reports of abuse or neglect occurring at any facility. All information,
2277 records and reports concerning such investigation shall be shared

2278 between agencies as part of the investigative process.

2279 (d) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2280 Office of Early Childhood shall compile a listing of allegations of
2281 violations that have been substantiated by the [Department of Public
2282 Health] Office of Early Childhood concerning a facility during the
2283 prior three-year period. The [Commissioner of Public Health]
2284 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood shall disclose
2285 information contained in the listing to any person who requests it,
2286 provided the information may be disclosed pursuant to sections 17a-
2287 101g and 17a-101k and does not identify children or family members
2288 of those children.

2289 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, when the
2290 Commissioner of Children and Families has made a finding
2291 substantiating abuse or neglect: (1) That occurred at a facility, or (2) by
2292 any staff member or licensee of any facility, or by any household
2293 member of any family day care home and such finding is included on
2294 the state child abuse or neglect registry, maintained by the Department
2295 of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-101k, such finding
2296 may be included in the listing compiled by the [Department of Public
2297 Health] Office of Early Childhood pursuant to subsection (d) of this
2298 section and may be disclosed to the public by the [Department of
2299 Public Health] Office of Early Childhood.

2300 (f) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, when the
2301 Commissioner of Children and Families, pursuant to section 17a-101j,
2302 has notified the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early
2303 Childhood of a recommended finding of child abuse or neglect at a
2304 facility and if such child abuse or neglect resulted in or involves (1) the
2305 death of a child; (2) the risk of serious physical injury or emotional
2306 harm of a child; (3) the serious physical harm of a child; (4) the arrest
2307 of a person due to abuse or neglect of a child; (5) a petition filed by the
2308 Commissioner of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-112 or
2309 46b-129; or (6) sexual abuse of a child, the [Commissioner of Public

2310 Health] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood may
2311 include such finding of child abuse or neglect in the listing under
2312 subsection (d) of this section and may disclose such finding to the
2313 public. The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the
2314 commissioner's designee, shall immediately notify the [Commissioner
2315 of Public Health] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood
2316 when such child abuse or neglect is not substantiated after an
2317 investigation has been completed pursuant to subsection (b) of section
2318 17a-101g or a recommended finding of child abuse or neglect is
2319 reversed after a hearing or appeal conducted in accordance with the
2320 provisions of section 17a-101k. The [Commissioner of Public Health]
2321 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood shall immediately
2322 remove such information from the listing and shall not further disclose
2323 any such information to the public.

2324 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, all
2325 records provided by the Commissioner of Children and Families, or
2326 the commissioner's designee, to the [Department of Public Health]
2327 Office of Early Childhood regarding child abuse or neglect occurring at
2328 any facility, may be utilized in an administrative proceeding or court
2329 proceeding relative to facility licensing. In any such proceeding, such
2330 records shall be confidential, except as provided [by the provisions of]
2331 under section 4-177c, and such records shall not be subject to
2332 disclosure pursuant to section 1-210.

2333 Sec. 47. Section 19a-82 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2334 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2335 The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2336 Office of Early Childhood shall utilize consultative services and
2337 assistance from the Departments of Education, Mental Health and
2338 Addiction Services and Social Services and from municipal building,
2339 fire and health departments. The [commissioner] executive director
2340 shall make periodic inspections of licensed day care centers, group day
2341 care homes and family day care homes and shall provide technical

2342 assistance to licensees and applicants for licenses to assist them to
2343 attain and maintain the standards established in regulations adopted
2344 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, 19a-
2345 82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-87b, as
2346 amended by this act.

2347 Sec. 48. Section 19a-86 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2348 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2349 The [commissioner] executive director of the Office of Early
2350 Childhood may request the Attorney General to bring an action in the
2351 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enjoin any person,
2352 group of persons, association, organization, corporation, institution, or
2353 agency, public or private, from maintaining a child day care center or
2354 group day care home without a license or operating a child day care
2355 center or group day care home in violation of regulations adopted
2356 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and
2357 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this act.

2358 Sec. 49. Section 19a-87 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2359 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2360 (a) Any person or officer of an association, organization or
2361 corporation who [shall establish, conduct, maintain or operate]
2362 establishes, conducts, maintains or operates a day care center or group
2363 day care home without a current and valid license shall be subject to a
2364 civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars a day for each day
2365 that such center or home is operated without a license.

2366 (b) If the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2367 Office of Early Childhood has reason to believe that a violation has
2368 occurred for which a civil penalty is authorized by subsection (a) of
2369 this section, he or she may send to such person or officer by certified
2370 mail, return receipt requested, or personally serve upon such person or
2371 officer, a notice which shall include: (1) A reference to the section or
2372 sections of the general statutes or regulations involved; (2) a short and

2373 plain statement of the matters asserted or charged; (3) a statement of
2374 the maximum civil penalty which may be imposed for such violation;
2375 and (4) a statement of the party's right to request a hearing, such
2376 request to be submitted in writing to the [commissioner] executive
2377 director not later than thirty days after the notice is mailed or served.

2378 (c) If such person or officer so requests, the [commissioner shall
2379 hold a hearing on the violation asserted] executive director shall cause
2380 a hearing to be held. The hearing shall be held in accordance with the
2381 provisions of chapter 54. If such person or officer fails to request a
2382 hearing or fails to appear at the hearing or if, after the hearing, the
2383 [commissioner] executive director finds that the person or officer has
2384 committed such violation, the [commissioner] executive director may,
2385 in his or her discretion, order that a civil penalty be imposed that is not
2386 greater than the penalty stated in the notice. The [commissioner]
2387 executive director shall send a copy of any order issued pursuant to
2388 this subsection by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the person
2389 or officer named in such order.

2390 Sec. 50. Section 19a-87a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2391 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2392 (a) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2393 Office of Early Childhood shall have the discretion to refuse to license
2394 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and
2395 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this act, a person to
2396 conduct, operate or maintain a day care center or a group day care
2397 home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, or to
2398 suspend or revoke the license or take any other action set forth in
2399 regulation that may be adopted pursuant to section 19a-79, as
2400 amended by this act, if, the person who owns, conducts, maintains or
2401 operates such center or home or a person employed therein in a
2402 position connected with the provision of care to a child receiving child
2403 day care services, has been convicted in this state or any other state of
2404 a felony as defined in section 53a-25 involving the use, attempted use

2405 or threatened use of physical force against another person, of cruelty to
2406 persons under section 53-20, injury or risk of injury to or impairing
2407 morals of children under section 53-21, abandonment of children
2408 under the age of six years under section 53-23, or any felony where the
2409 victim of the felony is a child under eighteen years of age, or of a
2410 violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or
2411 53a-73a, or has a criminal record in this state or any other state that the
2412 [commissioner] executive director reasonably believes renders the
2413 person unsuitable to own, conduct, operate or maintain or be
2414 employed by a child day care center or group day care home.
2415 However, no refusal of a license shall be rendered except in accordance
2416 with the provisions of sections 46a-79 to 46a-81, inclusive.

2417 (b) Any person who is licensed to conduct, operate or maintain a
2418 child day care center or group day care home shall notify the
2419 [commissioner] executive director of any criminal conviction of the
2420 owner, conductor, operator or maintainer of the center or home or of
2421 any person employed therein in a position connected with the
2422 provision of care to a child receiving child day care services,
2423 immediately upon obtaining knowledge of the conviction. Failure to
2424 comply with the notification requirement may result in the suspension
2425 or revocation of the license or the imposition of any action set forth in
2426 regulation, and shall subject the licensed person to a civil penalty of
2427 not more than one hundred dollars per day for each day after the
2428 person obtained knowledge of the conviction.

2429 (c) It shall be a class A misdemeanor for any person seeking
2430 employment in a position connected with the provision of care to a
2431 child receiving child day care services to make a false written
2432 statement regarding prior criminal convictions pursuant to a form
2433 bearing notice to the effect that such false statements are punishable,
2434 which statement he does not believe to be true and is intended to
2435 mislead the prospective employer.

2436 (d) Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child day

2437 care center or a group day care home is operating without a current
2438 and valid license or in violation of regulations adopted under section
2439 19a-79, as amended by this act, or in a manner which may pose a
2440 potential danger to the health, welfare and safety of a child receiving
2441 child day care services, may report such information to the
2442 [Department of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood. The
2443 [department] office shall investigate any report or complaint received
2444 pursuant to this subsection. The name of the person making the report
2445 or complaint shall not be disclosed unless (1) such person consents to
2446 such disclosure, (2) a judicial or administrative proceeding results
2447 therefrom or (3) a license action pursuant to subsection (a) of this
2448 section results therefrom. All records obtained by the [department]
2449 office in connection with any such investigation shall not be subject to
2450 the provisions of section 1-210 for a period of thirty days from the date
2451 of the petition or other event initiating such investigation, or until such
2452 time as the investigation is terminated pursuant to a withdrawal or
2453 other informal disposition or until a hearing is convened pursuant to
2454 chapter 54, whichever is earlier. A formal statement of charges issued
2455 by the [department] office shall be subject to the provisions of section
2456 1-210 from the time that it is served or mailed to the respondent.
2457 Records which are otherwise public records shall not be deemed
2458 confidential merely because they have been obtained in connection
2459 with an investigation under this section.

2460 (e) In addition to any powers the [Department of Public Health]
2461 office may have, in any investigation (1) concerning an application,
2462 reinstatement or renewal of a license for a child day care center, a
2463 group day care home or a family day care home, as such terms are
2464 defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, (2) of a complaint
2465 concerning child day care services, as described in section 19a-77, as
2466 amended by this act, or (3) concerning the possible provision of
2467 unlicensed child day care services, the [Department of Public Health]
2468 office may administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel testimony and
2469 order the production of books, records and documents. If any person

2470 refuses to appear, testify or produce any book, record or document
2471 when so ordered, a judge of the Superior Court may make such order
2472 as may be appropriate to aid in the enforcement of this section.

2473 Sec. 51. Section 19a-87b of the 2014 supplement to the general
2474 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
2475 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2476 (a) No person, group of persons, association, organization,
2477 corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a
2478 family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this
2479 act, without a license issued by the [Commissioner of Public Health]
2480 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood. Licensure forms
2481 shall be obtained from the [Department of Public Health] office.
2482 Applications for licensure shall be made to the [commissioner]
2483 executive director on forms provided by the [department] office and
2484 shall contain the information required by regulations adopted under
2485 this section. The licensure and application forms shall contain a notice
2486 that false statements made therein are punishable in accordance with
2487 section 53a-157b. Applicants shall state, in writing, that they are in
2488 compliance with the regulations adopted by the [commissioner]
2489 executive director pursuant to subsection (f) of this section. Before a
2490 family day care home license is granted, the [department] office shall
2491 make an inquiry and investigation which shall include a visit and
2492 inspection of the premises for which the license is requested. Any
2493 inspection conducted by the [department] office shall include an
2494 inspection for evident sources of lead poisoning. The [department]
2495 office shall provide for a chemical analysis of any paint chips found on
2496 such premises. Neither the [commissioner] executive director nor the
2497 [commissioner's] executive director's designee shall require an annual
2498 inspection for homes seeking license renewal or for licensed homes,
2499 except that the [commissioner] executive director or the
2500 [commissioner's] executive director's designee shall make
2501 unannounced visits, during customary business hours, to at least
2502 thirty-three and one-third per cent of the licensed family day care

2503 homes each year. A licensed family day care home shall not be subject
2504 to any conditions on the operation of such home by local officials,
2505 other than those imposed by the [department] office pursuant to this
2506 subsection, if the home complies with all local codes and ordinances
2507 applicable to single and multifamily dwellings.

2508 (b) No person shall act as an assistant or substitute staff member to a
2509 person or entity maintaining a family day care home, as defined in
2510 section 19a-77, as amended by this act, without an approval issued by
2511 the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director. Any person
2512 seeking to act as an assistant or substitute staff member in a family day
2513 care home shall submit an application for such approval to the
2514 [department] office. Applications for approval shall: (1) Be made to the
2515 [commissioner] executive director on forms provided by the
2516 [department] office, (2) contain the information required by
2517 regulations adopted under this section, and (3) be accompanied by a
2518 fee of fifteen dollars. The approval application forms shall contain a
2519 notice that false statements made in such form are punishable in
2520 accordance with section 53a-157b.

2521 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director, within
2522 available appropriations, shall require each initial applicant or
2523 prospective employee of a family day care home in a position
2524 requiring the provision of care to a child, including an assistant or
2525 substitute staff member, to submit to state and national criminal
2526 history records checks. The criminal history records checks required
2527 pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with
2528 section 29-17a. The [commissioner] executive director shall also request
2529 a check of the state child abuse registry established pursuant to section
2530 17a-101k. The [commissioner] executive director shall notify each
2531 licensee of the provisions of this subsection.

2532 (d) An application for initial licensure pursuant to this section shall
2533 be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars and such license shall be
2534 issued for a term of four years. An application for renewal of a license

2535 issued pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by a fee of forty
2536 dollars and a certification from the licensee that any child enrolled in
2537 the family day care home has received age-appropriate immunizations
2538 in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (f) of
2539 this section. A license issued pursuant to this section shall be renewed
2540 for a term of four years.

2541 (e) An application for initial staff approval or renewal of staff
2542 approval shall be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars. Such
2543 approvals shall be issued or renewed for a term of two years.

2544 (f) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director shall
2545 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
2546 assure that family day care homes, as defined in section 19a-77, as
2547 amended by this act, shall meet the health, educational and social
2548 needs of children utilizing such homes. Such regulations shall ensure
2549 that the family day care home is treated as a residence, and not an
2550 institutional facility. Such regulations shall specify that each child be
2551 protected as age-appropriate by adequate immunization against
2552 diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella,
2553 hemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the
2554 schedule of active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f.
2555 Such regulations shall provide appropriate exemptions for children for
2556 whom such immunization is medically contraindicated and for
2557 children whose parents object to such immunization on religious
2558 grounds. Such regulations shall also specify conditions under which
2559 family day care home providers may administer tests to monitor
2560 glucose levels in a child with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and
2561 administer medicinal preparations, including controlled drugs
2562 specified in the regulations by the [commissioner] executive director,
2563 to a child receiving day care services at a family day care home
2564 pursuant to a written order of a physician licensed to practice medicine
2565 in this or another state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed
2566 to prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a or a physician assistant
2567 licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, and the written

2568 authorization of a parent or guardian of such child. Such regulations
2569 shall specify appropriate standards for extended care and intermittent
2570 short-term overnight care. The [commissioner] executive director shall
2571 inform each licensee, by way of a plain language summary provided
2572 not later than sixty days after the regulation's effective date, of any
2573 new or changed regulations adopted under this subsection with which
2574 a licensee must comply.

2575 Sec. 52. Section 19a-87c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2576 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2577 (a) Any person or officer of an association, organization or
2578 corporation who shall establish, conduct, maintain or operate a family
2579 day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act,
2580 without a current and valid license shall be subject to a civil penalty of
2581 not more than one hundred dollars a day for each day that such home
2582 is operated without a license.

2583 (b) If the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2584 Office of Early Childhood has reason to believe that a violation has
2585 occurred for which a civil penalty is authorized by subsection (a) of
2586 this section, [he] the executive director may send to such person or
2587 officer by certified mail, return receipt requested, or personally serve
2588 upon such person or officer, a notice which shall include: (1) A
2589 reference to the section or sections of the general statutes or
2590 regulations involved; (2) a short and plain statement of the matters
2591 asserted or charged; (3) a statement of the maximum civil penalty
2592 which may be imposed for such violation; and (4) a statement of the
2593 party's right to request a hearing. Such request shall be submitted in
2594 writing to the [commissioner] executive director not later than thirty
2595 days after the notice is mailed or served.

2596 (c) If such person or officer so requests, the [commissioner shall
2597 hold a hearing on the violation asserted] executive director shall cause
2598 a hearing to be held. The hearing shall be held in accordance with the

2599 provisions of chapter 54. If such person or officer fails to request a
2600 hearing or fails to appear at the hearing or if, after the hearing, the
2601 [commissioner] executive director finds that the person or officer has
2602 committed such violation, the [commissioner] executive director may,
2603 in his or her discretion, order that a civil penalty be imposed that is not
2604 greater than the penalty stated in the notice. The [commissioner]
2605 executive director shall send a copy of any order issued pursuant to
2606 this subsection by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the person
2607 or officer named in such order.

2608 Sec. 53. Section 19a-87d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2609 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2610 The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2611 Office of Early Childhood may request the Attorney General to bring
2612 an action, in the superior court for the judicial district in which such
2613 home is located, to enjoin any person, group of persons, association,
2614 organization, corporation, institution or agency, public or private, from
2615 maintaining a family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as
2616 amended by this act, without a license or in violation of regulations
2617 adopted under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, and
2618 satisfactory proof of the lack of a license or the violation of the
2619 regulations without more shall entitle the [commissioner] executive
2620 director to injunctive relief.

2621 Sec. 54. Section 19a-87e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2622 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2623 (a) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2624 Office of Early Childhood may (1) refuse to license under section 19a-
2625 87b, as amended by this act, a person to own, conduct, operate or
2626 maintain a family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as
2627 amended by this act, (2) refuse to approve under section 19a-87b, as
2628 amended by this act, a person to act as an assistant or substitute staff
2629 member in a family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as

2630 amended by this act, or (3) suspend or revoke the license or approval
2631 or take any other action that may be set forth in regulation that may be
2632 adopted pursuant to section 19a-79, as amended by this act, if the
2633 person who owns, conducts, maintains or operates the family day care
2634 home, the person who acts as an assistant or substitute staff member in
2635 a family day care home or a person employed in such family day care
2636 home in a position connected with the provision of care to a child
2637 receiving child day care services, has been convicted, in this state or
2638 any other state of a felony, as defined in section 53a-25, involving the
2639 use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another
2640 person, or has a criminal record in this state or any other state that the
2641 [commissioner] executive director reasonably believes renders the
2642 person unsuitable to own, conduct, operate or maintain or be
2643 employed by a family day care home, or act as an assistant or
2644 substitute staff member in a family day care home, or if such persons
2645 or a person residing in the household has been convicted in this state
2646 or any other state of cruelty to persons under section 53-20, injury or
2647 risk of injury to or impairing morals of children under section 53-21,
2648 abandonment of children under the age of six years under section 53-
2649 23, or any felony where the victim of the felony is a child under
2650 eighteen years of age, a violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b,
2651 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, illegal manufacture, distribution,
2652 sale, prescription, dispensing or administration under section 21a-277
2653 or 21a-278, or illegal possession under section 21a-279, or if such
2654 person, a person who acts as assistant or substitute staff member in a
2655 family day care home or a person employed in such family day care
2656 home in a position connected with the provision of care to a child
2657 receiving child day care services, either fails to substantially comply
2658 with the regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-87b, as amended
2659 by this act, or conducts, operates or maintains the home in a manner
2660 which endangers the health, safety and welfare of the children
2661 receiving child day care services. Any refusal of a license or approval
2662 pursuant to this section shall be rendered in accordance with the
2663 provisions of sections 46a-79 to 46a-81, inclusive. Any person whose

2664 license or approval has been revoked pursuant to this section shall be
2665 ineligible to apply for a license or approval for a period of one year
2666 from the effective date of revocation.

2667 (b) When the [commissioner] executive director intends to suspend
2668 or revoke a license or approval or take any other action against a
2669 license or approval set forth in regulation adopted pursuant to section
2670 19a-79, as amended by this act, the [commissioner] executive director
2671 shall notify the licensee or approved staff member in writing of the
2672 [commissioner's] executive director's intended action. The licensee or
2673 approved staff member may, if aggrieved by such intended action,
2674 make application for a hearing in writing over the licensee's or
2675 approved staff member's signature to the [commissioner] executive
2676 director. The licensee or approved staff member shall state in the
2677 application in plain language the reasons why the licensee or approved
2678 staff member claims to be aggrieved. The application shall be delivered
2679 to the [commissioner] executive director within thirty days of the
2680 licensee's or approved staff member's receipt of notification of the
2681 intended action. The [commissioner] executive director shall
2682 thereupon hold a hearing within sixty days from receipt of such
2683 application and shall, at least ten days prior to the date of such
2684 hearing, mail a notice, giving the time and place of the hearing, to the
2685 licensee or approved staff member. The provisions of this subsection
2686 shall not apply to the denial of an initial application for a license or
2687 approval under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, provided the
2688 [commissioner] executive director shall notify the applicant of any
2689 such denial and the reasons for such denial by mailing written notice
2690 to the applicant at the applicant's address shown on the license or
2691 approval application.

2692 (c) Any person who is licensed to conduct, operate or maintain a
2693 family day care home or approved to act as an assistant or substitute
2694 staff member in a family day care home shall notify the
2695 [commissioner] executive director of any conviction of the owner,
2696 conductor, operator or maintainer of the family day care home or of

2697 any person residing in the household or any person employed in such
2698 family day care home in a position connected with the provision of
2699 care to a child receiving child day care services, of a crime which
2700 affects the [commissioner's] executive director's discretion under
2701 subsection (a) of this section, immediately upon obtaining knowledge
2702 of such conviction. Failure to comply with the notification requirement
2703 of this subsection may result in the suspension or revocation of the
2704 license or approval or the taking of any other action against a license or
2705 approval set forth in regulation adopted pursuant to section 19a-79, as
2706 amended by this act, and shall subject the licensee or approved staff
2707 member to a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars per
2708 day for each day after the person obtained knowledge of the
2709 conviction.

2710 (d) It shall be a class A misdemeanor for any person seeking
2711 employment in a position connected with the provision of care to a
2712 child receiving family day care home services to make a false written
2713 statement regarding prior criminal convictions pursuant to a form
2714 bearing notice to the effect that such false statements are punishable,
2715 which statement such person does not believe to be true and is
2716 intended to mislead the prospective employer.

2717 (e) Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a family day
2718 care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, is
2719 operating without a current and valid license or in violation of the
2720 regulations adopted under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, or
2721 in a manner which may pose a potential danger to the health, welfare
2722 and safety of a child receiving child day care services, may report such
2723 information to [any office of the Department of Public Health] the
2724 Office of Early Childhood. The [department] office shall investigate
2725 any report or complaint received pursuant to this subsection. The
2726 name of the person making the report or complaint shall not be
2727 disclosed unless (1) such person consents to such disclosure, (2) a
2728 judicial or administrative proceeding results from such report or
2729 complaint, or (3) a license action pursuant to subsection (a) of this

2730 section results from such report or complaint. All records obtained by
2731 the [department] office in connection with any such investigation shall
2732 not be subject to the provisions of section 1-210 for a period of thirty
2733 days from the date of the petition or other event initiating such
2734 investigation, or until such time as the investigation is terminated
2735 pursuant to a withdrawal or other informal disposition or until a
2736 hearing is convened pursuant to chapter 54, whichever is earlier. A
2737 formal statement of charges issued by the [department] office shall be
2738 subject to the provisions of section 1-210 from the time that it is served
2739 or mailed to the respondent. Records which are otherwise public
2740 records shall not be deemed confidential merely because they have
2741 been obtained in connection with an investigation under this section.

2742 Sec. 55. Section 8-210 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
2743 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
2744 *1, 2014*):

2745 (a) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of
2746 Social Services or the [Commissioner of Education] executive director
2747 of the Office of Early Childhood, as appropriate, may enter into a
2748 contract with a municipality or a qualified private, nonprofit
2749 corporation for state financial assistance for the planning, construction,
2750 renovation, site preparation and purchase of improved or unimproved
2751 property as part of a capital development project for neighborhood
2752 facilities. Such facilities may include, but are not limited to, child day
2753 care facilities, elderly centers, multipurpose human resource centers,
2754 emergency shelters for the homeless and shelters for victims of
2755 domestic violence. The financial assistance shall be in the form of state
2756 grants-in-aid equal to (1) all or any portion of the cost of such capital
2757 development project if the grantee is a qualified private nonprofit
2758 corporation, or (2) up to two-thirds of the cost of such capital
2759 development project if the grantee is a municipality, as determined by
2760 the Commissioner of Social Services or the [Commissioner of
2761 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, as
2762 appropriate.

2763 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the [Commissioner of
2764 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, may
2765 enter into a contract with a municipality, a human resource
2766 development agency or a nonprofit corporation for state financial
2767 assistance in developing and operating child day care centers for
2768 children disadvantaged by reasons of economic, social or
2769 environmental conditions, provided no such financial assistance shall
2770 be available for the operating costs of any such day care center unless
2771 it has been licensed by the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive
2772 director of the Office of Early Childhood pursuant to section 19a-80, as
2773 amended by this act. Such financial assistance shall be available for a
2774 program of a municipality, of a human resource development agency
2775 or of a nonprofit corporation which may provide for personnel,
2776 equipment, supplies, activities, program materials and renovation and
2777 remodeling of physical facilities of such day care centers. Such contract
2778 shall provide for state financial assistance, within available
2779 appropriations, in the form of a state grant-in-aid (1) for a portion of
2780 the cost of such program as determined by the [Commissioner of
2781 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, if not
2782 federally assisted, or (2) equal to one-half of the amount by which the
2783 net cost of such program as approved by the [Commissioner of
2784 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood exceeds
2785 the federal grant-in-aid thereof. The [Commissioner of Education]
2786 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood may authorize child
2787 day care centers provided financial assistance pursuant to this
2788 subsection to apply a program surplus to the next program year. The
2789 [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of Early
2790 Childhood shall consult with directors of child day care centers in
2791 establishing fees for the operation of such centers.

2792 (c) The [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood, in
2793 consultation with representatives from child care centers, within
2794 available appropriations, shall develop guidelines for state-contracted
2795 child care center programs. The guidelines shall include standards for

2796 program quality and design and identify short and long-term
2797 outcomes for families participating in such programs. The
2798 [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood, within available
2799 appropriations, shall provide a copy of such guidelines to each state-
2800 contracted child care center. Each state-contracted child care center
2801 shall use the guidelines to develop a program improvement plan for
2802 the next twelve-month period and shall submit the plan to the
2803 [department] Office of Early Childhood. The plan shall include goals to
2804 be used for measuring such improvement. The [department] Office of
2805 Early Childhood shall use the plan to monitor the progress of the
2806 center.

2807 (d) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the [Commissioner
2808 of Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, may
2809 enter into a contract with a municipality, a human resource
2810 development agency or a nonprofit corporation for state financial
2811 assistance for a project of renovation of any child day care facility
2812 receiving assistance pursuant to the provisions of this section, to make
2813 such facility accessible to the physically disabled, in the form of a state
2814 grant-in-aid equal to (1) the total net cost of the project as approved by
2815 the [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of
2816 Early Childhood, or (2) the total amount by which the net cost of the
2817 project as approved by the [Commissioner of Education] executive
2818 director of the Office of Early Childhood exceeds the federal grant-in-
2819 aid thereof.

2820 (e) Any municipality, human resource development agency or
2821 nonprofit corporation which enters into a contract pursuant to this
2822 section for state financial assistance for a day care facility shall have
2823 sole responsibility for the development of the budget of the day care
2824 program, including, but not limited to, personnel costs, purchases of
2825 equipment, supplies, activities and program materials, within the
2826 resources provided by the state under said contract. Upon local
2827 determination of a change in the type of day care service required in
2828 the area, a municipality, human resource development agency or

2829 nonprofit corporation may, within the limits of its annual budget and
2830 subject to the provisions of this subsection and sections 19a-77 to 19a-
2831 80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive,
2832 as amended by this act, change its day care service. An application to
2833 change the type of child day care service provided shall be submitted
2834 to the [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of
2835 Early Childhood. Not later than forty-five days after the
2836 [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of Early
2837 Childhood receives the application, the [Commissioner of Education]
2838 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood shall advise the
2839 municipality, human resource development agency or nonprofit
2840 corporation of the [Commissioner of Education's] executive director's
2841 approval, denial or approval with modifications of the application. If
2842 the [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of
2843 Early Childhood fails to act on the application not later than forty-five
2844 days after the application's submittal, the application shall be deemed
2845 approved.

2846 (f) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office
2847 of Early Childhood may, in his discretion, with the approval of the
2848 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management authorize the
2849 expenditure of such funds for the purposes of this section as shall
2850 enable the [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the
2851 Office of Early Childhood to apply for, qualify for and provide the
2852 state's share of a federally assisted day care program.

2853 Sec. 56. Subsection (a) of section 10a-194c of the general statutes is
2854 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
2855 *1, 2014*):

2856 (a) The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority
2857 shall establish a program to finance low interest loans for child care
2858 and child development centers, family resource centers and Head Start
2859 programs that shall be known as the Connecticut Child Care Facilities
2860 Program. Loans shall be made for the purpose of new construction or

2861 renovation of existing centers or complying with federal, state and
2862 local child care requirements, including health and safety standards.
2863 For purposes of this section, "child development center" means a
2864 building used by a nonprofit school readiness program, as defined in
2865 section 10-16p, as amended by this act, and "child care center" means a
2866 nonprofit facility that is licensed by the [Department of Public Health]
2867 Office of Early Childhood as a child day care center or a group day
2868 care home, both as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act.

2869 Sec. 57. Section 12-634 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2870 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2871 The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall grant a credit against
2872 any tax due under the provisions of chapter 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 or
2873 212 in an amount not to exceed sixty per cent of the total cash amount
2874 invested during the taxable year by the business firm in programs
2875 operated or created pursuant to proposals approved pursuant to
2876 section 12-632 for planning, site preparation, construction, renovation
2877 or acquisition of facilities for purposes of establishing a child day care
2878 facility to be used primarily by the children of such business firm's
2879 employees and equipment installed for such facility, including kitchen
2880 appliances, to the extent that such equipment or appliances are
2881 necessary in the use of such facility for purposes of child day care,
2882 provided: (1) Such facility is operated under the authority of a license
2883 issued by the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of
2884 the Office of Early Childhood in accordance with sections 19a-77 to
2885 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this act, (2) such facility is operated
2886 without profit by such business firm related to any charges imposed
2887 for the use of such facility for purposes of child day care, and (3) the
2888 amount of tax credit allowed any business firm under the provisions of
2889 this section for any income year may not exceed fifty thousand dollars.
2890 If two or more business firms share in the cost of establishing such a
2891 facility for the children of their employees, each such taxpayer shall be
2892 allowed such credit in relation to the respective share, paid or incurred
2893 by such taxpayer, of the total expenditures for the facility in such

2894 income year. The commissioner shall not grant a credit pursuant to this
2895 section to any taxpayer claiming a credit for the same year pursuant to
2896 section 12-217x.

2897 Sec. 58. Subsection (b) of section 17a-101 of the 2014 supplement to
2898 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
2899 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2900 (b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: Any
2901 physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, any
2902 resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not
2903 so licensed, any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical
2904 examiner, dentist, dental hygienist or psychologist, a school employee,
2905 as defined in section 53a-65, social worker, police officer, juvenile or
2906 adult probation officer, juvenile or adult parole officer, member of the
2907 clergy, pharmacist, physical therapist, optometrist, chiropractor,
2908 podiatrist, mental health professional or physician assistant, any
2909 person who is a licensed or certified emergency medical services
2910 provider, any person who is a licensed or certified alcohol and drug
2911 counselor, any person who is a licensed marital and family therapist,
2912 any person who is a sexual assault counselor or a domestic violence
2913 counselor, as defined in section 52-146k, any person who is a licensed
2914 professional counselor, any person who is a licensed foster parent, any
2915 person paid to care for a child in any public or private facility, child
2916 day care center, group day care home or family day care home licensed
2917 by the state, any employee of the Department of Children and
2918 Families, any employee of the [Department of Public Health] Office of
2919 Early Childhood who is responsible for the licensing of child day care
2920 centers, group day care homes, family day care homes or youth camps,
2921 the Child Advocate and any employee of the Office of the Child
2922 Advocate and any family relations counselor, family relations
2923 counselor trainee or family services supervisor employed by the
2924 Judicial Department.

2925 Sec. 59. Subsection (b) of section 17b-90 of the 2014 supplement to

2926 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
2927 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2928 (b) No person shall, except for purposes directly connected with the
2929 administration of programs of the Department of Social Services and in
2930 accordance with the regulations of the commissioner, solicit, disclose,
2931 receive or make use of, or authorize, knowingly permit, participate in
2932 or acquiesce in the use of, any list of the names of, or any information
2933 concerning, persons applying for or receiving assistance from the
2934 Department of Social Services or persons participating in a program
2935 administered by said department, directly or indirectly derived from
2936 the records, papers, files or communications of the state or its
2937 subdivisions or agencies, or acquired in the course of the performance
2938 of official duties. The Commissioner of Social Services shall disclose (1)
2939 to any authorized representative of the Labor Commissioner such
2940 information directly related to unemployment compensation,
2941 administered pursuant to chapter 567 or information necessary for
2942 implementation of sections 17b-688b, 17b-688c and 17b-688h and
2943 section 122 of public act 97-2 of the June 18 special session, (2) to any
2944 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Mental Health and
2945 Addiction Services any information necessary for the implementation
2946 and operation of the basic needs supplement program, (3) to any
2947 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Administrative
2948 Services or the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
2949 Protection such information as the Commissioner of Social Services
2950 determines is directly related to and necessary for the Department of
2951 Administrative Services or the Department of Emergency Services and
2952 Public Protection for purposes of performing their functions of
2953 collecting social services recoveries and overpayments or amounts due
2954 as support in social services cases, investigating social services fraud or
2955 locating absent parents of public assistance recipients, (4) to any
2956 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Children and
2957 Families necessary information concerning a child or the immediate
2958 family of a child receiving services from the Department of Social

2959 Services, including safety net services, if the Commissioner of Children
2960 and Families or the Commissioner of Social Services has determined
2961 that imminent danger to such child's health, safety or welfare exists to
2962 target the services of the family services programs administered by the
2963 Department of Children and Families, (5) to a town official or other
2964 contractor or authorized representative of the Labor Commissioner
2965 such information concerning an applicant for or a recipient of
2966 assistance under state-administered general assistance deemed
2967 necessary by the Commissioner of Social Services and the Labor
2968 Commissioner to carry out their respective responsibilities to serve
2969 such persons under the programs administered by the Labor
2970 Department that are designed to serve applicants for or recipients of
2971 state-administered general assistance, (6) to any authorized
2972 representative of the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction
2973 Services for the purposes of the behavioral health managed care
2974 program established by section 17a-453, (7) to any authorized
2975 representative of the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive
2976 director of the Office of Early Childhood to carry out his or her
2977 respective responsibilities under programs that regulate child day care
2978 services or youth camps, (8) to a health insurance provider, in IV-D
2979 support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of
2980 section 46b-231, information concerning a child and the custodial
2981 parent of such child that is necessary to enroll such child in a health
2982 insurance plan available through such provider when the noncustodial
2983 parent of such child is under court order to provide health insurance
2984 coverage but is unable to provide such information, provided the
2985 Commissioner of Social Services determines, after providing prior
2986 notice of the disclosure to such custodial parent and an opportunity for
2987 such parent to object, that such disclosure is in the best interests of the
2988 child, (9) to any authorized representative of the Department of
2989 Correction, in IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of
2990 subsection (b) of section 46b-231, information concerning noncustodial
2991 parents that is necessary to identify inmates or parolees with IV-D
2992 support cases who may benefit from Department of Correction

2993 educational, training, skill building, work or rehabilitation
2994 programming that will significantly increase an inmate's or parolee's
2995 ability to fulfill such inmate's support obligation, (10) to any
2996 authorized representative of the Judicial Branch, in IV-D support cases,
2997 as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-231,
2998 information concerning noncustodial parents that is necessary to: (A)
2999 Identify noncustodial parents with IV-D support cases who may
3000 benefit from educational, training, skill building, work or
3001 rehabilitation programming that will significantly increase such
3002 parent's ability to fulfill such parent's support obligation, (B) assist in
3003 the administration of the Title IV-D child support program, or (C)
3004 assist in the identification of cases involving family violence, (11) to
3005 any authorized representative of the State Treasurer, in IV-D support
3006 cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-
3007 231, information that is necessary to identify child support obligors
3008 who owe overdue child support prior to the Treasurer's payment of
3009 such obligors' claim for any property unclaimed or presumed
3010 abandoned under part III of chapter 32, or (12) to any authorized
3011 representative of the Commissioner of Housing for the purpose of
3012 verifying whether an applicant for the renters rebate program
3013 established by section 12-170d is a recipient of cash assistance from the
3014 Department of Social Services and the amount of such assistance. No
3015 such representative shall disclose any information obtained pursuant
3016 to this section, except as specified in this section. Any applicant for
3017 assistance provided through said department shall be notified that, if
3018 and when such applicant receives benefits, the department will be
3019 providing law enforcement officials with the address of such applicant
3020 upon the request of any such official pursuant to section 17b-16a.

3021 Sec. 60. Subsection (a) of section 10-16mm of the general statutes is
3022 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3023 *1, 2014*):

3024 (a) There is established a task force to address the academic
3025 achievement gaps in Connecticut by considering effective approaches

3026 to closing the achievement gaps in elementary, middle and high
3027 schools. The task force shall develop, in consultation with the
3028 Department of Education, the Connecticut State University System, the
3029 Interagency Council for Ending the Achievement Gap established
3030 pursuant to section 10-16nn, and the joint standing committee of the
3031 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,
3032 a master plan to eliminate the academic achievement gaps by January
3033 1, 2020. Such master plan shall: (1) Identify the achievement gaps that
3034 exist among and between (A) racial groups, (B) ethnic groups, (C)
3035 socioeconomic groups, (D) genders, and (E) English language learners
3036 and students whose primary language is English; (2) focus efforts on
3037 closing the achievement gaps identified in subdivision (1) of this
3038 subsection; (3) establish annual benchmarks for implementation of the
3039 master plan and closing the achievement gaps; and (4) make
3040 recommendations regarding the creation of a Secretary of Education. [;
3041 and (5) develop a plan for (A) changing the requirement for when a
3042 child five years of age may enroll in kindergarten pursuant to section
3043 10-15c from January first of the school year to October first of the
3044 school year, and (B) the creation of spaces in school readiness
3045 programs for those children who reach the age of five after October
3046 first of any school year and are no longer eligible to enroll in
3047 kindergarten for such school year.] The task force may amend such
3048 master plan at any time. For purposes of this section, "achievement
3049 gaps" means the existence of a significant disparity in the academic
3050 performance of students among and between (A) racial groups, (B)
3051 ethnic groups, (C) socioeconomic groups, (D) genders, and (E) English
3052 language learners and students whose primary language is English.

3053 Sec. 61. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Office of Early Childhood shall
3054 conduct a regression discontinuity study, or a relevant research study,
3055 to examine how effectively the school readiness program prepares
3056 participating children for kindergarten. The office, in conducting such
3057 study, may collaborate with a nonprofit public service institution with
3058 expertise in such studies or a college or university in the state. Such

3059 study shall, to the extent feasible, examine the relative impact of each
3060 state-funded early childhood program. Not later than January 1, 2015,
3061 the office shall submit a report on the findings of such regression
3062 discontinuity study, or relevant research study, to the joint standing
3063 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
3064 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
3065 4a of the general statutes.

3066 Sec. 62. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) When the executive director
3067 of the Office of Early Childhood has reason to believe any person
3068 licensed under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, of the general
3069 statutes, as amended by this act, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87,
3070 inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act, has failed
3071 substantially to comply with the regulations adopted under said
3072 sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, the
3073 executive director shall notify the licensee, in writing, of the executive
3074 director's intention to suspend or revoke the license or to impose a
3075 licensure action. Such notice shall be served by certified mail stating
3076 the particular reasons for the proposed action. The licensee may, if
3077 aggrieved by such intended action, make application for a hearing, in
3078 writing, over the licensee's signature to the executive director. The
3079 licensee shall state in the application in plain language the reasons
3080 why the licensee claims to be aggrieved. The application shall be
3081 delivered by certified mail to the executive director not later than
3082 thirty days after the licensee's receipt of notification of the intended
3083 action. The executive director shall thereupon hold a hearing not later
3084 than sixty days after receipt of such application and shall, at least ten
3085 days prior to the date of such hearing, mail a notice, giving the time
3086 and place of the hearing, to the licensee. The hearing shall be
3087 conducted by a hearing officer appointed by the executive director, in
3088 writing. The licensee and the executive director or hearing officer may
3089 issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses. The licensee
3090 shall be entitled to be represented by counsel and a transcript of the
3091 hearing shall be made. If the hearing is conducted by a hearing officer,

3092 the hearing officer shall state the hearing officer's findings and make a
3093 recommendation to the executive director on the issue of revocation or
3094 suspension or the intended licensure action. The executive director,
3095 based upon the findings and recommendations of the hearing officer,
3096 or after a hearing conducted by the executive director, shall render the
3097 executive director's decision, in writing, suspending, revoking or
3098 continuing the license or regarding the intended licensure action. A
3099 copy of the decision shall be sent by certified mail to the licensee. The
3100 decision revoking or suspending the license or a decision imposing a
3101 licensure action shall become effective thirty days after it is mailed by
3102 registered or certified mail to the licensee. A licensee aggrieved by the
3103 decision of the executive director may appeal as provided in section
3104 19a-85 of the general statutes. Any licensee whose license has been
3105 revoked pursuant to this subsection shall be ineligible to apply for a
3106 license for a period of one year from the effective date of revocation.

3107 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the denial of an
3108 initial application for a license under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80,
3109 inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to
3110 19a-87, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
3111 provided the executive director shall notify the applicant of any such
3112 denial and the reasons for such denial by mailing written notice to the
3113 applicant at the applicant's address shown on the license application.

3114 Sec. 63. Section 17b-7a of the general statutes is repealed and the
3115 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3116 The Commissioner of Social Services shall develop a state-wide
3117 fraud early detection system. The purpose of such system shall be to
3118 identify, investigate and determine if an application for assistance
3119 under (1) programs administered by the department, including, but
3120 not limited to, [(1)] (A) the temporary family assistance program, [(2)]
3121 (B) the supplemental nutrition assistance program, [(3)] (C) the child
3122 care subsidy program, or [(4)] (D) the Medicaid program pursuant to
3123 Title XIX of the Social Security Act, and (2) the child care subsidy

3124 program administered by the Office of Early Childhood, pursuant to
3125 section 17b-749, as amended by this act, is fraudulent prior to granting
3126 assistance. The commissioner shall consult with the executive director
3127 of the Office of Early Childhood regarding the development of such
3128 state-wide fraud early detection system for such child care subsidy
3129 program. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance
3130 with chapter 54, for the purpose of developing and implementing said
3131 system. The commissioner shall submit quarterly reports concerning
3132 savings realized through the implementation of the state-wide fraud
3133 early detection system to the joint standing committees of the General
3134 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
3135 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

3136 Sec. 64. Subsection (d) of section 31-286a of the general statutes is
3137 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3138 *1, 2014*):

3139 (d) For purposes of this section, "sufficient evidence" means (1) a
3140 certificate of self-insurance issued by a workers' compensation
3141 commissioner pursuant to section 31-284, (2) a certificate of compliance
3142 issued by the Insurance Commissioner pursuant to section 31-286, (3) a
3143 certificate of insurance issued by any stock or mutual insurance
3144 company or mutual association authorized to write workers'
3145 compensation insurance in this state or its agent, or (4) in lieu of a
3146 physical certificate of insurance being presented for the issuance or
3147 renewal of licenses and permits issued by the Department of
3148 Consumer Protection, [or] the Department of Public Health or the
3149 Office of Early Childhood, the entrance by the applicant on the
3150 renewal form of the name of the insurer, insurance policy number,
3151 effective dates of coverage, and a certification that the same is truthful
3152 and accurate.

3153 Sec. 65. Section 19a-131k of the general statutes is repealed and the
3154 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3155 (a) For purposes of this section:

3156 (1) "Child day care service" means a child day care center, group
3157 day care home or family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77,
3158 as amended by this act, and licensed pursuant to section 19a-80, as
3159 amended by this act, or 19a-87b, as amended by this act;

3160 (2) "Public health emergency" means a public health emergency, as
3161 defined in section 19a-131;

3162 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health;

3163 (4) "Nursing home facility" means any nursing home, as defined in
3164 section 19a-521, but shall not include residential care homes; [and]

3165 (5) "Youth camp" means any facility licensed pursuant to chapter
3166 368r; and [.]

3167 (6) "Executive Director" means the executive director of the Office of
3168 Early Childhood.

3169 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, each
3170 nursing home facility, child day care service or youth camp shall
3171 provide potassium iodide to residents, staff members, minors or other
3172 persons present in such facility, day care service or camp when
3173 directed by the commissioner or the executive director during a public
3174 health emergency. Each nursing home facility, child day care service or
3175 youth camp shall (1) upon admitting a resident or minor to, or upon
3176 hiring a staff member for, such facility, notify each resident or
3177 representative of a resident, staff member or parent or guardian of a
3178 minor of the requirement for the provision of potassium iodide under
3179 this subsection and obtain prior written permission or written
3180 objection for such provision from each such person, and (2) prior to
3181 obtaining such written permission or written objection, advise each
3182 such person, in writing, (A) that the ingestion of potassium iodide is
3183 voluntary only, (B) about the contraindications of taking potassium

3184 iodide, and (C) about the potential side effects of taking potassium
3185 iodide.

3186 (c) The commissioner or the executive director shall adopt
3187 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
3188 establish criteria and procedures for obtaining the required written
3189 permission, and for the storage and distribution of potassium iodide to
3190 residents, staff members, minors or other persons present in such
3191 facility, day care service or camp.

3192 Sec. 66. Special act 13-16 is amended to read as follows (*Effective from*
3193 *passage*):

3194 Any child day care facility or child day care center that received a
3195 loan pursuant to section 10a-194c of the general statutes, as amended
3196 by this act, prior to July 1, 2012, and that (1) entered into a contract
3197 with the Commissioner of Social Services pursuant to section 8-210 of
3198 the general statutes, as amended by this act, on or before July 1, 2012,
3199 for state financial assistance in operating a child day care facility or
3200 child day care center, or (2) received a grant pursuant to subsection (c)
3201 of section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall
3202 continue to receive state financial assistance from the [Department of
3203 Education] Office of Early Childhood, pursuant to section 8-210 of the
3204 general statutes, as amended by this act, and subsection (c) of section
3205 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act, until the loan
3206 received pursuant to section 10a-194c of the general statutes, as
3207 amended by this act, is fully paid off by such child day care facility or
3208 child day care center.

3209 Sec. 67. Section 19a-84 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3210 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3211 (a) When the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of
3212 the Office of Early Childhood has reason to believe any person
3213 licensed under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this
3214 act, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this act,

3215 has failed substantially to comply with the regulations adopted under
3216 said sections, the [commissioner] executive director may notify the
3217 licensee in writing of the [commissioner's] executive director's
3218 intention to suspend or revoke the license or to impose a licensure
3219 action. Such notice shall be served by certified mail stating the
3220 particular reasons for the proposed action. The licensee may, if
3221 aggrieved by such intended action, make application for a hearing in
3222 writing over the licensee's signature to the [commissioner] executive
3223 director. The licensee shall state in the application in plain language
3224 the reasons why the licensee claims to be aggrieved. The application
3225 shall be delivered to the [commissioner] executive director within
3226 thirty days of the licensee's receipt of notification of the intended
3227 action. The [commissioner] executive director shall thereupon hold a
3228 hearing within sixty days from receipt of such application and shall, at
3229 least ten days prior to the date of such hearing, mail a notice, giving
3230 the time and place of the hearing, to the licensee. The hearing may be
3231 conducted by the [commissioner] executive director or by a hearing
3232 officer appointed by the [commissioner] executive director in writing.
3233 The licensee and the [commissioner] executive director or hearing
3234 officer may issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses. The
3235 licensee shall be entitled to be represented by counsel and a transcript
3236 of the hearing shall be made. If the hearing is conducted by a hearing
3237 officer, the hearing officer shall state the hearing officer's findings and
3238 make a recommendation to the [commissioner] executive director on
3239 the issue of revocation or suspension or the intended licensure action.
3240 The [commissioner] executive director, based upon the findings and
3241 recommendation of the hearing officer, or after a hearing conducted by
3242 the [commissioner] executive director, shall render the
3243 [commissioner's] executive director's decision in writing suspending,
3244 revoking or continuing the license or regarding the intended licensure
3245 action. A copy of the decision shall be sent by certified mail to the
3246 licensee. The decision revoking or suspending the license or a decision
3247 imposing a licensure action shall become effective thirty days after it is
3248 mailed by registered or certified mail to the licensee. A licensee

3249 aggrieved by the decision of the [commissioner] executive director
 3250 may appeal as provided in section 19a-85. Any licensee whose license
 3251 has been revoked pursuant to this subsection shall be ineligible to
 3252 apply for a license for a period of one year from the effective date of
 3253 revocation.

3254 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the denial of an
 3255 initial application for a license under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80,
 3256 inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as
 3257 amended by this act, provided the [commissioner] executive director
 3258 shall notify the applicant of any such denial and the reasons for such
 3259 denial by mailing written notice to the applicant at the applicant's
 3260 address shown on the license application.

3261 Sec. 68. Sections 10-16dd and 17b-23 of the general statutes are
 3262 repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2014*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	4-5
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-16bb
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	10-16cc
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-266p(a)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16n
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16p
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16q
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16r(b)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16s
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16u
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16w
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16z
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16aa
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-2
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-705a(c) to (e)
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-12

Sec. 19	July 1, 2014	17b-730
Sec. 20	July 1, 2014	17b-733
Sec. 21	July 1, 2014	17b-734
Sec. 22	July 1, 2014	17b-735(a)
Sec. 23	July 1, 2014	17b-736
Sec. 24	July 1, 2014	17b-737
Sec. 25	July 1, 2014	17b-738
Sec. 26	July 1, 2014	17b-739
Sec. 27	July 1, 2014	17b-749
Sec. 28	July 1, 2014	17b-749a
Sec. 29	July 1, 2014	17b-749c(a) and (b)
Sec. 30	July 1, 2014	17b-749d
Sec. 31	July 1, 2014	17b-749e
Sec. 32	July 1, 2014	17b-749f
Sec. 33	July 1, 2014	17b-749g
Sec. 34	July 1, 2014	17b-749h
Sec. 35	July 1, 2014	17b-749i
Sec. 36	July 1, 2014	17b-749j
Sec. 37	July 1, 2014	17b-749k
Sec. 38	July 1, 2014	17b-750
Sec. 39	July 1, 2014	17b-751a
Sec. 40	July 1, 2014	17b-751d
Sec. 41	July 1, 2014	17b-751e
Sec. 42	July 1, 2014	17a-28(g)(11)
Sec. 43	July 1, 2014	19a-77
Sec. 44	July 1, 2014	19a-79
Sec. 45	July 1, 2014	19a-80
Sec. 46	July 1, 2014	19a-80f
Sec. 47	July 1, 2014	19a-82
Sec. 48	July 1, 2014	19a-86
Sec. 49	July 1, 2014	19a-87
Sec. 50	July 1, 2014	19a-87a
Sec. 51	July 1, 2014	19a-87b
Sec. 52	July 1, 2014	19a-87c
Sec. 53	July 1, 2014	19a-87d
Sec. 54	July 1, 2014	19a-87e
Sec. 55	July 1, 2014	8-210
Sec. 56	July 1, 2014	10a-194c(a)
Sec. 57	July 1, 2014	12-634

Sec. 58	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17a-101(b)
Sec. 59	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-90(b)
Sec. 60	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16mm(a)
Sec. 61	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 62	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 63	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-7a
Sec. 64	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	31-286a(d)
Sec. 65	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-131k
Sec. 66	<i>from passage</i>	SA 13-16
Sec. 67	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-84
Sec. 68	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]